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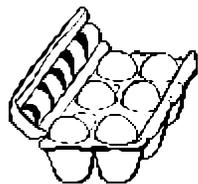
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In the Northeast, prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower on the larger sizes, but unchanged on medium. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged on all weights. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady in the Northeast. In all other areas, the market tone ranged steady to fully steady. Demand was light to good, best where features and winter weather stimulated additional interest. Supplies were mostly sufficient to instances available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient for normal slaughter schedules.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL

Prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower on larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. Demand was light to instances good as wintery weather aided in additional interest. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was mixed, light to good with scattered feature activity. Food service movement was slow to fairly good. Supplies were generally adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Most breakers satisfied with current floor stocks with very few buyers needing additional shell eggs. Floor stocks adequate to ample, mostly fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

Prices were unchanged from the previous week. Trade sentiment was usually steady. Demand into all channels was light to occasionally good, best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL

All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment generally steady. Cartoned and food service demand mixed, fair to instances good with scattered feature activity. Supplies of all sizes adequate to in close balance.

CHICAGO

Prices unchanged for all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate.

NEW YORK

Prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady to steady. Demand was light to occasionally good, best where features and inclement weather were factors. Supplies were fully sufficient for trade needs.

WESTERN

Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California up 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 1%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light.

CALIFORNIA

Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 2% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 57. No new ads noted in Northern 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	99
EXTRA LARGE	96
LARGE	91
MEDIUM	77

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-299
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-199

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	215-249
LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	175-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 10, 2003 will decrease by 11 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 03, 2003 were 287,435 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 12 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	248,840	38,595	287,435
% change from the prior week.....	+2	-15	-1

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 16 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Most breakers were content with current floor stocks with very few breakers interested in additional outside shell eggs. Floor stocks adequate to ample, 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
NEST RUN	30-32
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-21
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to moderate for the generally adequate but reduced offerings. Processing schedules normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate to tight. The undertone was generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-JAN-03.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8.5	7.98
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-JAN-03.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10 CENTS/LB.	6.5-8	8.20

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JAN 06, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.1	14.7	6.3	12.3	10.0	50.4
	Change	1.0	-1.7	0.4	-0.5	-2.8	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.6	49.8	18.8	19.5	26.2	135.9
	Change	3.4	-3.1	4.6	1.0	-3.9	1%
Large	Curr Wk	31.3	99.7	58.3	68.9	93.1	351.3
	Change	-0.6	-19.6	-5.8	-1.6	4.5	-6%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.7	40.1	16.8	17.0	25.7	111.3
	Change	-2.8	-2.8	-1.8	-3.8	-0.1	-9%
Small	Curr Wk	4.7	8.8	6.3	8.3	7.5	35.6
	Change	1.2	0.0	1.6	2.3	1.2	22%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.9	19.3	7.4	20.2	9.3	63.1
	Change	-1.4	-2.6	-0.1	1.3	0.8	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.1	89.1	21.8	27.1	35.4	200.5
	Change	9.6	19.3	-4.6	0.3	2.0	15%
Total	Curr Wk	110.4	321.5	135.7	173.3	207.2	948.1
Percent	Change	10%	-3%	-4%	-1%	1%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	948.1	-1%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	349.9	7%	38
Total Shell Egg	1298.0	1%	213

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 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.

CANDIAN EGGS NOT AVAILABLE

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 03, 2003

CURRENT LOADS		14.50		FUTURE LOADS		21.25		TOTAL LOADS		35.75				
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	SC	NW	SW	LOADS						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	43.00	—	43.50	45.00	—	—	13.00	GNR W 1	—	42.00	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	51.00	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	64.00
GL W XL	—	—	53.00	59.13	53.20	—	10.25	GL W XL	—	60.00	—	—	—	63.00
GL W LG	—	—	49.00	51.00	52.94	—	6.75	GL W LG	—	58.00	—	—	—	63.46
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	34.33	—	1.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	44.67
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	32.50	34.00	2.00							

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/30/02-01/03/03

CURRENT LOADS		84.25		FUTURE LOADS		55.50		TOTAL LOADS		139.75				
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	SC	NW	MW	LOADS						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	40.50	45.22	41.50	43.67	—	—	28.00	GNR W 1	43.00	44.67	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 3	—	43.00	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	32.50	—	3.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	60.50
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	102.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	56.60	—	—	—	59.48
GL W J	—	—	—	—	53.00	—	2.00	GL W LG	43.00	53.57	—	—	—	57.06
GL W XL	—	53.00	53.00	54.11	49.67	—	46.75	GL W MD	40.00	35.20	—	48.00	37.00	44.19
GL W LG	—	52.04	43.75	44.91	48.00	47.00	42.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	28.50	31.50
GL W MD	—	—	35.00	36.00	34.94	33.00	12.25	NRBS - 36	13.00	23.00	—	—	—	19.00
GL W SM	—	—	27.88	29.13	—	—	2.00							
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	31.50	32.00	24.00							
NRBS - 39	—	—	14.00	16.00	—	20.50	6.25							
NRBS - 36	—	—	16.00	—	—	—	1.00							

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.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA

State	Number Cases	Number Cases	Number Cases	Total State
	Shipped To	Shipped To	Shipped To	
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	

NOT AVAILABLE

NORTHEAST EGGS

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-78	66-72
LARGE	55-75	62-66
MEDIUM	41-56	46-48

MIDWEST EGGS

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-60	55-57
LARGE	51-59	53-57
MEDIUM	38-44	41-43

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	36-40	21-25	11-15

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	12/30/02	12/23/02	12/31/01
PACIFIC COAST	464	431	189
LOS ANGELES	407	370	147

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 12/22/02-12/28/02
30-dozen case 5,512

Receipts from the mainland: 12/15/02-12/21/02
30-dozen case 8,519

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
81.27	79.27	64.27	53.27

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