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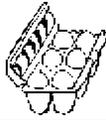
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In Chicago, prices were unchanged. Prices in New York were 2 cents higher for medium and 1 cent higher for the larger sizes. Elsewhere, prices were sharply higher on all weights. The market tone was in a full range of steady to firm. Demand into all channels was moderate to good. Supplies were in good balance to tight for present trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were about sufficient to tight for the light to at times good demand. The National shell egg inventory was unchanged from last week. Light type fowl were fully adequate for mostly normal slaughter schedules.

NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Other reported prices were sharply higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was good. Food service movement was mostly moderate to instances good. Supplies in good balance to tight. Monday's inventories were up 15% in Iowa-Minnesota, 30% higher in Illinois-Indiana, up 14% in Michigan, and down 13% in Ohio. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher. Offerings were tight for the mostly light demand. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules part-time to full-time. Trade sentiment steady. **RANGE MOSTLY**
EXTRA LARGE 70-77 72-74
LARGE 68-76 70-74
MEDIUM 58-64 61-64

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

LARGE 53-57
MEDIUM 41-45
SMALL 16-20

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher on all sizes when compared to previous week pricing. The market tone was fully steady to at times firm. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to good. Supplies were closely balanced to tight for current trade requirements. The New England weekly shell egg inventory was 1% higher than last Monday. The Pennsylvania inventory was 3% lower, but the Delaware/Maryland inventory was 3% higher than the previous week. Breaking stock supplies were limited for the moderate to occasionally good demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for the light to fair at best demand. **RANGE MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE 73-87 76-80
LARGE 69-84 74-78
MEDIUM 60-75 65-67

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices on larger sizes increased 13 cents, mediums up 15 cents. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg demand moderate to good. Loose egg movement was moderate to fairly good. Offerings were tight to barely adequate. Inventories of all sizes adequate to tight with mediums in the shortest position. **RANGE**

EXTRA LARGE 77-84
LARGE 75-83
MEDIUM 63-68.5

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm as prices continued to trend higher on all sizes. Demand was moderate to at times good. Supplies were closely balanced to tight for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were limited, but about sufficient for the moderate to occasionally good demand. The South Atlantic regional inventory was 2% less than last week. Light type fowl were fully adequate for mostly normal slaughter schedules.

RANGE MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE 63-85 79-82
LARGE 61-83 77-80
MEDIUM 46-71 64-68

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

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

NEW YORK Prices were 1 cent higher for the larger sizes and 2 cents higher for mediums. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to mostly good. Supplies were in good balance to tight for trade needs. The New York State shell egg inventory was 9% higher and the New Jersey inventory was 26% more than last week. **RANGE**

EXTRA LARGE 84-88
LARGE 82-86
MEDIUM 74-78

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate, best where features are a factor. Supplies closely balanced. **RANGE**

EXTRA LARGE 76-82
LARGE 74-80
MEDIUM 62-68

WESTERN Prices 17 cents higher on jumbo, 16 cents higher on extra large, 15 cents higher on large, and 17 cents higher on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last week with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 35%. Retailer demand slowed but still exceeded available supplies.

CALIFORNIA Prices 17 cents higher on jumbo, 16 cents higher on extra large, 15 cents higher on large, and 17 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 3% higher than last week. Retailer demand slowed. Offerings short of full needs. Small benchmark price 77. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen 119; smaller outlets- large 18 pack 88.

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 120
EXTRA LARGE 116
LARGE 110
MEDIUM 97

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 235-289
EXTRA LARGE 229-299 EXTRA LARGE 219-249
LARGE 199-219 LARGE 195-229
MEDIUM 179-199 MEDIUM 175-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 24, 2003 will decrease by 9 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 17, 2003 were 267,386 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 6 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	224,886	42,500	267,386
% change from the prior week.....	-3	+12	-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 Nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight with demand mostly light. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules varied from part-time to full-time. 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	42-43
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	26-31

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 slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-JAN-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5	8-8.5	8.13
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 Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past weeks levels. Demand was fair for fully adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales were moderate with schedules reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was only steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-JAN-03.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-11	7.25-8.5	8.29

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JANUARY 20, 2003

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

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.9	15.3	5.0	9.1	9.7	48.0
	Change	2.8	2.7	-0.5	-1.2	-0.7	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.9	33.7	9.8	17.1	25.2	107.7
	Change	1.4	4.4	-1.8	-1.8	3.4	5%
Large	Curr Wk	40.1	86.2	36.3	64.8	64.3	291.7
	Change	6.6	6.8	-3.4	1.7	1.0	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	38.9	12.4	15.5	20.7	100.1
	Change	1.5	8.8	-6.5	1.7	1.8	8%
Small	Curr Wk	3.9	8.0	3.3	7.3	3.5	26.0
	Change	-0.4	0.2	-2.8	-2.4	-0.9	-20%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.7	20.8	7.1	14.5	8.0	56.1
	Change	-1.1	2.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.7	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.0	41.9	16.4	29.7	24.0	129.0
	Change	-6.7	-14.2	4.9	-0.4	-3.7	-13%
Total	Curr Wk	110.1	244.8	90.3	158.0	155.4	758.6
	Change	4%	5%	-10%	-2%	1%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	758.6	0%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	310.9	-1%	38

Total Shell Egg	1,069.5	0%	213
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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 eggspacked 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 RE-TAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2003.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	194.2	191.1	182.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JANUARY 6, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 20, 2003

CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	55.00	—	55.00	56.50	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	78.50	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	42.00	38.75	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	76.00	8.00
GL W XL	—	—	68.00	70.00	68.50	—	6.25	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	66.00	—	11.25								
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.50								
GL W SM	33.75	36.00	32.50	35.50	—	—	3.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/14/03-01/20/03

CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		MW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	64.00	—	—	55.67	—	14.00	GNR W XL	57.00	60.22	—	—	—	—	9.00
GNR W 1	52.80	62.14	53.67	54.67	57.44	56.00	56.00	GNR W 1	—	61.24	—	—	—	74.50	19.00
GNR W 2	—	—	55.00	—	57.00	57.25	6.00	GNR W 2	—	61.00	—	—	—	67.00	4.00
GNR W 3	—	—	44.60	44.00	—	50.00	2.50	GL W J	—	—	—	84.88	—	67.00	2.50
GNR W 4	—	—	—	42.00	40.00	44.00	3.00	GL W XL	—	68.00	—	80.00	75.00	75.74	15.75
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	86.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	80.00	74.67	76.09	37.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	72.89	—	2.50	GL W MD	56.00	—	—	—	—	64.13	10.75
GL W XL	—	73.31	67.33	69.23	65.52	—	43.25								
GL W LG	—	78.31	64.08	66.00	64.23	76.75	56.50								
GL W MD	—	64.00	—	62.00	50.00	52.00	15.00								
GL W SM	33.38	36.00	30.25	33.00	—	34.50	7.00								
GL BR LG	—	101.00	—	—	—	115.50	2.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	40.00	40.00	39.91	23.25								
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	27.00	2.25								

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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/13/03	01/06/03	01/14/02
PACIFIC COAST	448	390	206
LOS ANGELES	379	355	161

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
91.19	89.19	76.63	56.91

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 01/05/03-01/11/03
30-dozen case 8,414

Receipts from the mainland: 12/29/02-01/04/03
30-dozen case 4,565

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