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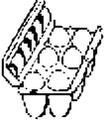
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 Prices in Chicago were sharply lower on all sizes. In New York, prices were 2 cents lower on medium and unchanged on the remainder. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged, although asking prices for next week were trending sharply lower on all weights. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, slightly better where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were closely balanced to ample. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient to short for regular to reduced processing schedules. Demand for additional product was unaggressive and ranged light to moderate. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the mostly fair demand.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were lower for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was weak. Retail demand was light. Food service movement was slow to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states nest run breaking stock price were too few to report with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was very unaggressive for the at least adequate offerings. Breakers stuck with regular commitment and showing little interest in additional loads. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate and building. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-78	73-75
LARGE	69-77	71-75
MEDIUM	62-68	65-68

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

LARGE	47-51
MEDIUM	39-43
SMALL	15-19

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, although asking prices for next week were trending lower on all sizes. The market tone was weak and unsettled entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were available. Breaking stock offerings were short to closely balanced for the moderate demand. Breaking schedules were less than normal for next week. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the mostly fair demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as irregular. **RANGEMOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	76-88	77-81
LARGE	70-85	75-79
MEDIUM	64-79	69-71

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment barely steady to instances weak. Retail demand spotty, light to instances fairly good where feature activity is a factor. Food service movement generally moderate. Supplies of all sizes in close balance to instances available. **RANGE**

EXTRA LARGE	78-85
LARGE	76-84
MEDIUM	67-72.5

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, although asking prices for next week were trending sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone was weak. Demand ranged light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were sufficient to available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to closely balanced for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the mostly fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	70-86	80-83
LARGE	68-84	78-81
MEDIUM	55-75	68-72

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 EGGS Prices were two cents lower on mediums, but unchanged on the larger sizes. The market tone was weak entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were available for trade requirements. **RANGE**

EXTRA LARGE	79-83
LARGE	77-81
MEDIUM	67-71

CHICAGO EGGS Prices for extra large and large dropped 5 cents, mediums declined 4 cents. The market tone barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies adequate. **RANGE**

EXTRA LARGE	70-76
LARGE	68-74
MEDIUM	60-66

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WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 8-9 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 7 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand light to moderate but interest in feature activity improved. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment weak with asking prices for next week 8 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large; 7 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand light to moderate but planned features were increased. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 81. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- large dozen 99, medium dozen 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	122
EXTRA LARGE	117
LARGE	111
MEDIUM	101

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	102-112
EXTRA LARGE	100-105
LARGE	98-101
MEDIUM	88-91

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

JUMBO	239-319
EXTRA LARGE	229-319
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were too few to report with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light and very unaggressive as breakers stepped away from spot markets and refused some add-ons from regular commitments. Offerings were at least fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate and building. Schedules part-time to full-time. Trade sentiment 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
NEST RUN	TFEWR
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	

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged, but checks ranged from unchanged to slightly higher when compared to early week trading. The market tone was barely steady to mostly steady. Supplies were short to close balance for less than normal breaking schedules. Demand was moderate, but not aggressive. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 25 January 2003 were 5% more than the previous week and 16% higher than the same week 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	38-42	39-41
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	25-34	26-30
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 25 -Jan-03 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,090,348	26,315	9,700	5,416	2,681	4,164
PW	1,124,446	26,439	10,550	5,851	3,179	4,093
LY	1,087,298	24,718	10,855	5,822	2,620	4,076
% CHG PW	-3	0	-8	-7	-16	2
% CHG LY	0	6	-11	-7	2	2
2003	4,503,352	105,406	42,498	23,672	11,789	16,789
2002	4,461,832	98,362	46,331	24,653	12,222	16,853
% CHG YTD	1	7	-8	-4	-4	0
			CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			WEEK	WEEK	YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			41.82	41.74	41.82	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			38.00	38.10	38.07	

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk and whites were too few to report. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak for whole egg, fully steady for whites, and weak on yolk. Demand was light for whole egg and yolk and mostly good and slightly more aggressive for whites. Offerings were fully adequate to instances ample for whole and yolk and tight to just adequate for whites. Breaking schedules were full-time to reduced for next week. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower when compared to last week's reported values.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 31 January, 2003 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	9	28-33	28.56	-4.44
WHITES	18	14-17.75	16.17	-.22
YOLKS	6	63-71	68.17	-1.43

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were higher on whole and whites, unchanged to lower on sugar yolks, and irregular on salt yolks when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was mixed as sellers continue to evaluate raw costs and a unsettled shell egg market. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were generally adequate for current trade needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending January 25, 2003 were 12% less than the previous week, and 4% lower than a year ago.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	42-48	43-45	50-55
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		69-85
WHITES	24-32	24-26	32-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-83	78-82	85-88
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-79	75-79	81-90
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY EGG SOLIDS.			28-32%

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and whites ranged higher with sugar and salt yolk ranging lower. Trade sentiment was at least steady for whole egg and steady to instances fully steady for whites. Sugar yolk was rated as about steady with salt yolk considered barely steady to mostly weak. Offerings were generally adequate for all frozen products. Demand was seasonally fair for whole egg and whites and slow for sugar and salt yolk. Breaking stock supplies were in close balance to adequate with prices unchanged to lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	43-47	43-44
WHITES	24-32	24-27
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-81	80-81
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	74-77	75-77

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged on whole and whites, 1 cent lower on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 1/25 was 17% less than the previous week. Breaking stock offerings light. Frozen demand fair and freezer stocks adequate.

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

LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	49-52
WHITES	31-34
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	84-87
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	80-83

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices were slightly higher on yolks, unchanged to higher on whole, and sharply higher on albumen when compared to last week's trading. Trading and movement was light to good mostly fair. Offerings were irregular. Trade sentiment was unsettled on yolks, usually steady on whole and fully steady to firm on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending January 25, 2003 were 16% less than the previous week, but 2% higher than the same week a year ago. The overall, total year to date dried egg produced was 4% less than last year.

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

WHOLE	1.67-1.90	MOSTLY 1.75-1.80
YOLKS	1.80-2.05	MOSTLY 1.85-1.92
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.78-2.10	MOSTLY 1.90-1.95
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.45	MOSTLY 1.35-1.40

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JAN 24, 2003-JAN 30, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 93.25								FUTURE LOADS 66.50								TOTAL LOADS 159.75							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	54.63	61.12	53.50	55.00	56.87	57.50	46.00	GNR W XL	—	53.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GNR W 2	—	65.00	—	—	56.00	—	2.00	GNR W 1	—	62.08	—	—	—	—	63.00	—	18.00						
GNR W 3	—	54.00	—	—	48.67	—	3.00	GNR W 2	—	59.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GNR W 4	—	37.00	33.00	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 3	—	54.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00						
GNR BR XL	—	106.00	—	95.00	—	—	1.50	GNR BR 1	109.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	117.00	1.00	GL W J	69.00	—	—	—	—	68.31	—	6.50							
GL W J	—	—	—	—	56.92	—	6.00	GL W XL	58.52	61.00	—	—	—	67.00	—	20.25							
GL W XL	—	74.00	65.75	66.98	55.61	—	34.00	GL W LG	59.00	69.85	—	—	—	68.60	—	29.75							
GL W LG	—	71.30	63.50	67.82	53.84	68.25	47.75	GL W MD	43.00	58.00	—	—	—	53.07	—	7.25							
GL W MD	—	66.47	48.00	53.00	50.42	—	20.25	GL W SM	—	28.00	—	—	—	35.25	—	2.00							
GL W SM	33.75	36.00	32.00	33.50	—	31.00	6.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25							
GL BR XL	—	—	114.00	—	—	—	.25																
GL BR LG	—	120.00	—	—	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	35.50	42.67	3.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	43.00	24.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	—	.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. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal values were unchanged. Offerings of light fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the mostly fair demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as less than normal. Movement of finished product was moderate.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values unchanged. Offerings of spent fowl were fully adequate to instances ample with more producers sourcing spent hens into rendering channels than previously noted. Trade sentiment about steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were too few to report. Offerings were fully adequate from production areas. Finished sales were moderate. Slaughter schedules were reduced. Salvage costs were viewed as about steady.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-7 (1)	3-5
No. Central Light	2-6 (1)	2.5-4
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	

(1) Removal Cost (2) AT FARM
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Jan-03 FEDERAL-STATE AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	79.00	77.00	70.00
SOUTHEAST	81.50	79.50	70.00
MIDWEST	74.00	73.00	66.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	81.50	80.00	69.75
COMBINED REGIONAL	79.10	77.49	69.08

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both light and heavy canners. Demand was in a full range and trading was very limited on heavy canners. Supplies and offerings were in close balance to tight and clearing. The undertone was at least steady on heavies; generally steady on lights.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 20-25 MAJORITY 22-23
HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 30-35 MAJORITY 31-33

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 22-26.5 MAJORITY 24-24.5
HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 31.5-37 MAJORITY 32.5-34.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION WEEK 25-JAN-03

(PRELIMINARY)	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY		
THOUSANDS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,746	1,292	3,038
LAST WEEK	1,841	1,505	3,346
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,784	1,232	3,016
TO-DATE/2003	6,502	5,337	11,839
TO-DATE/2002	7,075	5,079	12,154

	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA		
THOUSANDS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	416	0	416
LAST WEEK	350	8	358
SAME WEEK YR AGO	437	0	437
TO-DATE/2003	1,360	19	1,379
TO-DATE/2002	1,331	8	1,339

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	2,162	1,292	3,454
LAST WEEK	2,191	1,513	3,704
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,221	1,232	3,453
TO-DATE/2003	7,862	5,356	13,218
TO-DATE/2002	8,406	5,087	13,493

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending January 18, 2003	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	363	249	779	848
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	44	0	44	0
Total	407	249	823	848

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

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending January 18, 2003	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	143	64	221	132
Frozen	41	79	89	203
Dried	0	120	0	168
Total	184	263	310	503

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

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending January 18, 2003	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	0	0	0	580
Large	0	0	905	6,810
Medium	0	1,050	20	3,189
Ungraded	0	0	1,470	0
Misc	0	0	0	66
Total	0	1,050	2,395	10,645

/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.

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending January 11, 2003	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	416	353	416	599
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	416	353	416	599

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

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending January 11, 2003	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	37	48	78	68
Frozen	5	75	48	124
Dried	0	48	0	48
Total	42	171	126	240

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

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending January 11, 2003	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	0	0	0	580
Large	0	250	905	6,810
Medium	0	0	20	2,139
Ungraded	1,470	0	1,470	0
Misc	0	66	0	66
Total	1,470	316	2,395	9,595

/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.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)		FREGS	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	01/27/03	2,159	140,399	76,468
AM	01/01/03	2,000	131,968	79,054
CHG		159	8,431	-2,586
PCT CHG		8%	6%	-3%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 25-Jan-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	LY
ATLANTA	21.5	24.1	-11	4
BOSTON	3.2	3.8	-16	-9
CHICAGO	42.5	44.2	-4	-14
DETROIT	27.3	26.2	4	3
KANSAS CITY	4.0	4.0	0	0
LOS ANGELES	84.3	87.1	-3	-21
NEW ORLEANS	12.8	12.9	-1	13
NEW YORK	33.6	34.6	-3	-10
ST. LOUIS	15.1	18.7	-19	-11
SAN FRANCISCO	22.2	22.9	-3	-8
TOTAL	266.5	278.5	-4	-15
4 WK MVG AVG	286.5			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 25-Jan-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	225.6	-1	0
E.N. CENTRAL	525.7	-13	-4
W.N. CENTRAL	274.2	-9	-9
S. ATLANTIC	192.5	0	11
S. CENTRAL	90.8	1	14
WEST	184.6	-6	2
TOTAL	1493.4	-8	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

CHICKENS AND EGGS December Egg Production Down 1 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during December 2002, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.33 billion table eggs and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 992 million were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2002 averaged 337 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,187 eggs, compared to 2188 eggs in December 2001.

December 2002 contained 22 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays, compared to 21 weekdays, one holiday and five Saturdays in December 2001.

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, JANUARY 28, 2003.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	138	128	100	60
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	131-135	121-125	92-96	53-57
MOSTLY	133-134	123-124	94-95	55-56
RHODE ISLAND	137-141	127-131	99-103	59-63
MOSTLY	137	127	99	59
VERMONT	135-141	125-131	99-103	-
MOSTLY	141	131	103	-

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