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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were lower on mediums. In New York, prices were unchanged. In the Southeast, prices were irregular. Elsewhere, prices were lower on all weights. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak entering the week. Demand ranged slow to moderate, slightly better where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were closely balanced to ample for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to tight for the light to moderate demand. 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, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were lower for all reported prices. Trade sentiment remained weak. Retail demand was light. Food service movement was slow to instances moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states nest run breaking stock price continued too few to report with checks and under-grades unchanged. Demand was very quiet for the tight to non-existent offerings. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-71	66-68
LARGE	62-70	64-68
MEDIUM	58-62	59-62

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	47-51
MEDIUM	37-41
SMALL	14-18

MW AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, WESTERN NY & WESTERN PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week pricing. The market tone was weak. Demand into all outlets ranged mostly light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were available. Breaking stock offerings were short to closely balanced for the moderate demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for irregular processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-83	72-76
LARGE	65-80	70-74
MEDIUM	57-72	62-64

NE AREA: CT,DC,DE,MA,MD,ME,NH,EASTERN NJ,EASTERN PA, RI, NORTHERN VA & VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices on larger sizes down 7 cents and mediums 9 cents lower. Trade sentiment barely steady to instances weak. Retail demand slow to moderate with limited feature activity. Food service movement generally moderate. Supplies of all sizes adequate to available.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	71-78
LARGE	69-77
MEDIUM	58-63.5

SC AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK AND TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were irregular. Trade sentiment was unsettled. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were a factor. Supplies were in close balance to available for present requirements. Breaking stock demand was moderate for short to closely balanced offerings. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the mostly fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72.5-82	74-77
LARGE	71-78	72-75
MEDIUM	60.5-69	61-65

SE 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

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large unchanged, mediums dropped 2 cents. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate or available.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	70-76
LARGE	68-74
MEDIUM	58-64

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged entering the week. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was light to moderate, best where limited feature activity was in progress. Supplies were available for present trade requirements.

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

WESTERN Prices 8-9 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 7 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 14% higher than last Monday with California up 15% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 14%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices 8 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large 7 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 15% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate, best where features planned. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 74. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade A in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	114
EXTRA LARGE	109
LARGE	103
MEDIUM	94

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	239-319	JUMBO	249-319
EXTRA LARGE	229-319	EXTRA LARGE	229-259
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	209-245
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	179-209

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 07, 2003 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 31, 2003 were 222,192 cases which was 14 percent below the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	185,667	36,525	222,192
% change from the prior week.....	-12	-22	-14

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices continued too few to report with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight to non-existent with demand very quiet. Many breakers had slowed in bound shipments of breaking stock from regular sources as well as production schedules for this week. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules part-time to full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to instances weak.
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	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	

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair. Offerings were at least adequate. Processing schedules were less than normal. The undertone was generally steady.
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-FEB-03.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8.5	8.06
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 slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-FEB-03.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11 CENTS/LB.	7.25-8.75	8.54

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 03, 2003

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.6	19.7	6.0	13.3	15.9	64.5
	Change	0.3	1.1	0.2	-1.0	3.9	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.2	60.8	12.1	24.3	34.0	154.4
	Change	-1.1	5.7	1.7	2.5	3.0	8%
Large	Curr Wk	45.3	107.0	63.7	84.2	113.0	413.2
	Change	4.5	16.2	17.4	4.4	18.3	17%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.7	40.7	18.9	21.0	20.4	116.7
	Change	1.7	7.3	3.3	4.4	-1.5	15%
Small	Curr Wk	4.8	9.0	1.5	8.1	6.0	29.4
	Change	0.7	0.8	-0.2	1.3	1.9	18%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.6	17.3	8.3	13.6	7.1	49.9
	Change	-0.6	-17.0	0.5	-2.7	1.0	-27%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.0	52.8	19.3	31.9	31.2	157.2
	Change	2.4	21.5	2.1	0.1	2.2	22%
Total	Curr Wk	124.2	307.3	129.8	196.4	227.6	985.3
	Change	7%	13%	24%	5%	14%	12%
TOTAL			Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators		

Shell Egg	985.3	12%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	281.4	4%	38
Total Shell Egg	1266.7	10%	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.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	195.2	192.1	183.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JANUARY 20, 2002 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 31, 2003

CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS							
7.00				7.25				14.25							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GL W J	—	—	—	—	51.78	—	2.25	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	62.67	2.25
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	48.75	—	5.25	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	58.00	2.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	47.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	56.50	2.00
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	37.00	—	3.25	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	46.00	.25
GL BR LG	105.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	115.50	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	—	.50								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/25/03-01/31/03

CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS							
83.00				64.75				147.75							
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 1	50.50	57.77	53.00	54.00	53.50	57.50	33.00	GNR W XL	—	53.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	56.00	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	61.25	—	—	—	63.00	11.00
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	—	—	—	—	66.50	8.50
GL W J	—	—	—	—	55.06	—	8.00	GL W XL	58.52	61.00	—	—	—	64.93	20.25
GL W XL	—	—	65.00	65.07	53.68	—	36.75	GL W LG	59.00	63.13	—	—	—	65.05	25.75
GL W LG	—	70.52	61.75	62.60	51.72	65.50	37.25	GL W MD	43.00	57.00	—	—	—	51.47	7.25
GL W MD	—	64.50	48.00	53.00	49.88	—	19.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	35.25	1.00
GL W SM	—	—	32.00	33.50	—	31.00	5.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25
GL BR XL	—	—	114.00	—	—	—	.25	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	115.50	1.00
GL BR LG	105.00	120.00	—	—	—	—	2.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	35.50	42.67	3.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	43.00	24.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	—	.75								

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	01/27/03	01/20/03	01/28/02
PACIFIC COAST	315	782	216
LOS ANGELES	254	706	185

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.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	96.41
LARGE	94.41
MEDIUM	83.27
SMALL	58.64

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 01/19/03-01/25/03
30-dozen case 8,591

Receipts from the mainland: 01/05/03-01/11/03
30-dozen case 8,014

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Egg Quality Control**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 1/29/03

Report Period: 01/19/03 - 1/25/03

State	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	Total
	Shipped to Northern California	Shipped to Central California	shipped to Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	1,883	1,883
Colorado	0	1,620	3,829	5,449
Georgia	1	0	0	1
Indiana	0	0	850	850
Iowa	5,510	3,534	52,861	61,905
Michigan	0	0	2,489	2,489
Minnesota	3,120	6,560	13,157	22,837
Missouri	0	0	985	985
Montana	0	0	516	516
New Hampshire	0	810	800	1,610
Ohio	573	0	6,086	6,659
Oregon	2,383	333	0	2,716
Texas	0	0	810	810
Utah	1,683	1,490	8,329	11,502
Virginia	0	0	720	720
Washington	0	576	820	1,396
Wisconsin	0	0	3,890	3,890
TOTAL	13,270	14,923	98,025	126,218
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	13,270	14,923	98,025	126,218