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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in Chicago and New York were unchanged. In all other areas, prices were lower when compared to previous week pricing. The market tone was mixed, but usually steady entering the week. Demand was in a full range of light to good. Supplies were adequate to at times ample, but confidently held. Breaking stock demand was fair for sufficient supplies. Breaking schedules ranged normal to reduced for this week. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for less than normal slaughter schedules.

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

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Other reported prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was about moderate. Food service movement was mostly light to instances moderate. Supplies were adequate to available and were held with increased confidence due to approval of the export order. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were generally adequate and held with increased confidence. Demand was fair with most breakers anticipating lighter schedules this week. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-62	57-59
LARGE	53-61	55-59
MEDIUM	45-51	48-51

**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 last week pricing. Trade sentiment was mixed, however confidence levels increased as markets were attempting to settle. Demand was light to occasionally good, best where feature activity was noted. Supplies were adequate to available for needs. Breaking stock demand was moderate but unaggressive for sufficient supplies. Light type hens were adequate for the fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-74	64-67
LARGE	56-71	62-65
MEDIUM	46-61	51-53

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices on larger sizes decreased 9 cents, mediums 8 cents lower. Trade sentiment generally steady. Retail demand fair to instances good, best where major features are a factor. Food service movement generally moderate. Supplies of all sizes adequate with additional product held with confidence.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	62-69
LARGE	60-68
MEDIUM	50-55.5

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand ranged light to moderate, best where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to available, but held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the fair demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as less than normal for this week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63.5-79	65-68
LARGE	62-77	63-66
MEDIUM	50.5-68	51-55

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 all sizes unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best movement where limited features are in effect. Supplies were available.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	61-67
LARGE	59-65
MEDIUM	49-55

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady entering the week. Demand ranged light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	70-74
LARGE	68-72
MEDIUM	58-62

**WESTERN** Prices 9 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large; 11 cents lower on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last Monday with California down 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 5%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings easily adequate but not as forced for sale.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 9 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large; 11 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 6% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 63. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 99, large 18 pack 179, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large 18 pack 128. 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	105
EXTRA LARGE	100
LARGE	94
MEDIUM	83

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	249-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-319	EXTRA LARGE	229-269
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 14, 2003 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 07, 2003 were 243,758 cases which was 10 percent above the prior week and 12 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	208,643	35,115	243,758
% change from the prior week.....	+12	-4	+10

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

**\*CORRECTIONS FOR JANUARY 27, 2003\***

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 31, 2003 will decrease by \*13\* percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 24, 2003 were 258,873 cases which was 3 percent below the prior week and \*6\* percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	*211,937*	46,936	*258,873*
% change from the prior week.....	-6	+10	-3

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 were unchanged.

Offerings were generally adequate and held with increased confidence. Demand was fair with most breakers anticipating light breaking schedules through the week. Floor stocks adequate to 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	38-43
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 generally sufficient offerings. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-FEB-03.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.07
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 10-FEB-03.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.25-11 CENTS/LB.	7.25-8.5	8.39
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 10, 2003**

\*\*\*REVISED\*\*\*

\*\*\*See note regarding Inventory for 2/17/03\*\*\*

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

		Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.9	17.0	6.5	15.0	13.9	64.3
	Change	2.3	-2.7	0.5	1.7	-2.0	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.3	49.3	14.0	27.3	34.6	148.5
	Change	0.1	-11.5	1.9	3.0	0.6	-4%
Large	Curr Wk	41.8	107.4	54.0	85.5	106.4	395.1
	Change	-3.5	0.4	-9.7	1.3	-6.6	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.1	42.9	22.5	20.7	22.6	123.8
	Change	-0.6	2.2	3.6	-0.3	2.2	6%
Small	Curr Wk	2.1	7.5	1.7	8.6	5.3	25.2
	Change	-2.7	-1.5	0.2	0.5	-0.7	-14%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	19.2	6.5	10.8	5.8	46.8
	Change	0.9	1.9	-1.8	-2.8	-1.3	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.2	79.8	18.4	30.6	33.7	180.7
	Change	-3.8	27.0	-0.9	-1.3	2.5	15%
Total	Curr Wk	116.9	323.1	123.6	198.5	222.3	984.4
Percent	Change	-6%	5%	-5%	1%	-2%	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>Number of Cases</b>		<b>Percent Change</b>		<b>Number of Cooperators</b>	

Shell Egg	984.4	0%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	292.5	4%	38
Total Shell Egg	1276.9	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.

**\*\*NOTE\*\***

On Monday, February 17, this report will be released without the Pacific Region and the 5-Area summary. These numbers will be unavailable due to holiday closings. The report will be released in its entirety on Tuesday, February 18.

**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 27, 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 27, 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 FEBRUARY 7, 2003

CURRENT LOADS		33.50		FUTURE LOADS		15.00		TOTAL LOADS		48.50					
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	—	—	39.50	41.00	46.00	—	7.00	GNR W 1	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	5.00
GL W XL	—	—	51.00	53.00	50.76	—	17.75	GL W XL	52.30	—	—	—	—	60.80	11.75
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	47.73	49.50	6.25	GL W LG	52.50	56.50	—	—	—	59.50	4.00
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	39.33	—	3.00	GL W MD	37.50	—	—	—	39.00	47.00	4.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	33.83	35.33	—	—	7.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/03/03-02/07/03

CURRENT LOADS		130.50		FUTURE LOADS		76.50		TOTAL LOADS		207.00					
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	41.00	48.91	41.70	43.20	44.86	—	24.00	GNR W XL	38.50	45.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	49.00	—	—	42.75	—	4.00	GNR W 1	—	50.00	—	—	—	56.00	8.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	27.00	29.00	2.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	50.00	2.00
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	GNR BR 1	107.00	—	—	—	—	115.00	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	100.00	102.50	1.00	GL W J	54.00	—	—	—	—	60.00	3.75
GL W J	—	—	—	—	48.92	—	3.25	GL W XL	52.26	55.14	—	—	—	59.35	31.00
GL W XL	—	53.40	53.20	54.43	49.89	—	63.25	GL W LG	50.71	54.20	—	—	—	58.51	36.75
GL W LG	—	54.42	47.50	55.14	46.81	49.50	45.75	GL W MD	40.47	—	—	—	39.00	46.89	11.50
GL W MD	—	47.92	42.00	43.75	44.77	50.00	14.50	GL W SM	26.50	28.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	32.88	34.38	29.67	31.00	—	—	5.50	NRBS - 45	—	24.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 39	24.00	25.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	33.62	35.38	35.00	40.43	43.25								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.50								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	25.00	22.00	—	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.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/03/03	01/27/03	02/04/02
PACIFIC COAST	283	315	317
LOS ANGELES	223	254	268

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on small sizes and lower on the balance. Supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand.

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	94.39
LARGE	92.39
MEDIUM	81.47
SMALL	58.34

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 01/26/03-02/01/03  
30-dozen case 7,783

Receipts from the mainland: 01/12/03-01/18/03  
30-dozen case 8,591

**EGG PRODUCTS** Shell eggs broken totaled 150 million dozen during November 2002, down 1 percent from November a year ago. November 2002 contained 21 weekdays, five Saturdays and two holidays, compared to 22 weekdays, four Saturdays and two holidays in November 2001. During calendar year 2002, shell eggs broken totaled 1.73 billion dozen, up 3 percent from the 1.68 billion dozen broken in 2001. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2002 was 2.19 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2001.

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