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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In Chicago and New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were generally higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to instances very good, best where limited features were in progress. Supplies were mixed, ranging from balanced to fully adequate for present needs. Breaking stock supplies were generally sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were at least adequate for the fair to moderate 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 Midwest prices were up 3 cents for large and 1 cent for medium. Prices in other areas were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand ranged light to very good, usually moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were in a full range of in balance to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate with demand light to moderate at best. Floor stocks closely balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment about steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-70	65-67
LARGE	61-69	63-67
MEDIUM	48-54	51-54

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	46-50
MEDIUM	31-35
SMALL	12-16

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week values. The market tone was steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock demand was light for adequate offerings. Light type hens were at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-84	72-75
LARGE	66-81	71-75
MEDIUM	53-65	55-57

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Extra large prices increased 2 cents, large prices up 1 to 2 cents, mediums 1 to 2.5 cents higher. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail demand fair to instances good. Food service movement continues moderate to good. Supplies of all sizes generally adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	70-79
LARGE	68-77
MEDIUM	53-62

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices increased slightly on larger sizes and were unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate, occasionally better where features were a factor. Supplies were sufficient for present requirements. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for regular slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66.25-77	70-73
LARGE	64.25-75	68-71
MEDIUM	51.5-59	52-56

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 on all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was mostly moderate to instances fairly good with scattered feature activity. Supplies are generally adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	69-75
LARGE	67-73
MEDIUM	52-58

NEW YORK Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was light to moderate as feature activity for the week was sporadic. Supplies were sufficient for current requirements.

EXTRA LARGE	80-84
LARGE	78-82
MEDIUM	62-66

WESTERN Prices 3 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 1-2 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 7% higher than last Monday with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 13%. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings in good balance.

CALIFORNIA Prices 3 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 1 cent higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 3% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate to improved, best where features planned. Offerings in good balance. Small benchmark price 66.

Ads in Northern California: major- extra large 18 pack 2 for \$5, large dozen 99-129, 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 AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	113
EXTRA LARGE	108
LARGE	102
MEDIUM	86

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	259-319	JUMBO	249-319
EXTRA LARGE	249-319	EXTRA LARGE	239-319
LARGE	209-219	LARGE	215-245
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	179-209

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 07, 2003 will decrease by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 28, 2003 were 234,637 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 9 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	188,928	45,709	234,637
% change from the prior week.....	-15	+15	-10

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 were unchanged to 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate with demand light to moderate at best. Floor stocks closely balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment about 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	38-41
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 mostly moderate for the fully sufficient offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.10
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 Pricing was generally unchanged from the past week. Interest for spent heavy hens was moderate. Offerings were reduced but at least adequate for needs. Schedules were shortened with finished sales fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-10 CENTS/LB.	7.75-8.5	8.25

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 03, 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	9.4	19.4	8.4	14.7	12.6	64.5
	Change	-1.4	0.3	1.2	1.0	-0.4	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.3	42.3	18.4	21.7	29.6	131.3
	Change	-3.2	-1.1	1.8	-2.5	3.7	-1%
Large	Curr Wk	31.5	93.1	75.4	89.6	110.1	399.7
	Change	-2.5	10.2	12.9	-2.8	12.3	8%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	43.0	16.0	21.9	22.0	115.5
	Change	-1.6	1.8	-1.0	1.2	1.7	2%
Small	Curr Wk	4.4	9.8	1.4	7.5	4.5	27.6
	Change	0.9	1.9	0.2	-0.5	-0.3	9%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.8	21.7	7.4	19.5	6.7	59.1
	Change	-0.1	-1.5	-2.3	8.4	0.7	10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.0	65.8	13.8	35.9	27.0	156.5
	Change	-7.4	3.7	-6.8	0.7	-3.3	-8%
Total	Curr Wk	95.0	295.1	140.8	210.8	212.5	954.2
Percent	Change	-14%	5%	4%	3%	7%	3%
TOTAL			Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	954.2	3%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	281.3	3%	38
Total Shell Egg	1235.5	3%	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.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

- Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
- North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
- South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
- South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
- Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

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

NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2003

CURRENT LOADS		20.25		FUTURE LOADS		10.25		TOTAL LOADS		30.50					
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	51.00	52.00	51.00	52.00	—	—	3.00	GNR BR 1	91.50	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	63.67	.75
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	95.00	1.00	GL W LG	—	52.00	—	—	—	62.30	3.25
GL W XL	—	—	64.50	63.77	54.00	—	5.50	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	52.80	1.25
GL W LG	—	—	60.00	61.75	50.08	—	9.50								
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	44.00	—	2.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	37.00	41.00	8.25								
NRBS - 39	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	—	.25								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/22/03-02/28/03

CURRENT LOADS		99.00		FUTURE LOADS		90.25		TOTAL LOADS		189.25					
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	47.67	53.96	49.00	51.86	54.60	—	56.75	GNR W 1	55.00	56.75	—	—	—	61.00	16.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	40.00	42.00	3.00	GNR W 2	—	52.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	92.00	87.00	88.00	—	95.00	3.00	GNR BR 1	91.50	84.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W J	—	66.00	74.00	75.00	59.00	—	2.25	GL W J	60.00	—	—	—	—	68.60	1.25
GL W XL	—	63.08	62.13	63.68	54.53	—	43.50	GL W XL	62.00	66.00	—	64.00	—	66.78	18.50
GL W LG	—	63.75	60.00	63.79	53.44	57.50	72.25	GL W LG	—	56.67	—	—	—	63.14	18.00
GL W MD	45.00	49.00	46.18	46.70	42.45	46.00	27.00	GL W MD	44.10	49.50	48.00	49.00	45.50	50.51	22.00
GL W SM	—	—	31.00	32.00	—	—	1.00								
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50								
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	81.00	1.75								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	39.00	37.20	40.44	30.75								
NRBS - 39	—	—	23.50	25.00	—	28.50	4.50								

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	02/24/03	02/17/03	02/25/02
PACIFIC COAST	611	629	346
LOS ANGELES	565	589	319

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 02/16/03-02/22/03
30-dozen case 7,649

Receipts from the mainland: 02/09/03-02/15/03
30-dozen case 7,385

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on Small and higher 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	88.27
LARGE	86.27
MEDIUM	71.27
SMALL	54.27

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