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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were slightly higher on all sizes in the Midwest region. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to fully steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand was light to good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade requirements. Breaking stock demand was light and showed signs of improvement in some areas for adequate to instances tight supplies. Light type fowl were sufficient 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** Prices were 1 cent higher for all sizes in the Midwest. Producer prices in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate to good. Loose egg sales were moderate to fairly good. Supplies were usually just adequate as sellers continue to try and build some inventory for the expected Easter interest that should begin by the end of this week. Central states breaking stock prices unchanged. Demand improving for the adequate to at times tight offerings. Schedules generally full-time. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-71	66-68
LARGE	62-70	64-68
MEDIUM	49-55	52-55

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	47-51
MEDIUM	32-36
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 unchanged when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was generally steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate, best where features were present. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the light demand. Light type fowl were 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** Prices unchanged. trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand moderate to good. Food service movement moderate to fairly good. Supplies were just

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	72-81
LARGE	70-79
MEDIUM	53-62

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week's pricing. The market tone was steady. Demand continued light to moderate, best where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current requirements. Breaking stock supplies were about sufficient for the light demand. Light type hens were adequate for normal to reduced slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68.5-76	70-73
LARGE	67-74	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 for all sizes were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances good. Supplies are mixed mostly closely balanced.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	70-76
LARGE	68-74
MEDIUM	53-59

**NEW YORK** Prices entered the week unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, best where sporadic promotional activities were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current requirements.

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

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged to 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 17% higher than last Monday with California up 10% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 29%. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings in fair balance.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 10% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings generally adequate. Small benchmark price 66. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen and 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large 18 pack 98.

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	229-319
LARGE	209-219	LARGE	209-259
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	179-215

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 21, 2003 will increase by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 14, 2003 were 234,280 cases which was 8 percent above the prior week and 30 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	192,151	42,129	234,280
% change from the prior week.....	+8	+8	+8

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. Demand was reported as improving with offerings adequate to instances tight. Schedules were generally full-time. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	43-45	44-45
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	29-34	
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 adequate to at least adequate offerings. Finished sales were moderate. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal to 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 17-MAR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.20
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** Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for reduced but adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules less than normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-MAR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.61

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 17, 2003**

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

TOTAL		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.7	21.7	6.2	12.4	12.2	64.2
	Change	0.9	-2.6	-1.2	-1.9	0.1	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.1	45.7	12.9	26.8	34.6	150.1
	Change	6.7	-0.3	-1.5	4.1	7.1	12%
Large	Curr Wk	59.0	86.6	82.6	116.2	119.5	463.9
	Change	6.3	-4.4	4.7	18.8	19.4	11%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.9	35.4	18.5	19.4	24.1	109.3
	Change	-1.6	2.0	3.9	-4.8	4.0	3%
Small	Curr Wk	4.8	7.9	3.2	8.0	4.7	28.6
	Change	0.5	-1.2	1.5	0.4	1.5	10%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.2	18.6	7.7	25.0	6.6	62.1
	Change	-1.0	-0.6	0.4	11.9	-1.1	18%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.9	62.2	21.1	35.8	24.8	168.8
	Change	7.5	9.2	1.3	-2.8	1.6	11%
Total	Curr Wk	146.6	278.1	152.2	243.6	226.5	1047.0
Percent	Change	15%	1%	6%	12%	17%	9%

Shell Egg	1047.0	9%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	253.2	-5%	38
Total Shell Egg	1300.2	6%	212

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 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

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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.  
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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 03, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	195.2	192.1	183.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 03, 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 MARCH 14, 2003

CURRENT LOADS							20.50	FUTURE LOADS							12.00	TOTAL LOADS							32.50
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	50.00	—	50.50	52.00	55.00	—	8.00	GNR W 1	—	59.00	—	—	—	—	6.00								
GL W XL	—	—	—	65.00	61.50	—	2.00	GL W J	64.50	—	—	—	—	71.00	.50								
GL W LG	—	—	60.75	62.50	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	63.50	—	—	—	—	70.00	2.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	44.50	45.00	18.00	GL W MD	52.00	—	—	—	—	56.00	1.00								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/08/03-03/14/03

CURRENT LOADS							96.00	FUTURE LOADS							76.50	TOTAL LOADS							172.50
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	50.00	53.00	51.00	56.36	57.21	—	30.00	GNR W 1	54.00	57.89	—	—	—	62.75	12.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	88.00	1.00	GNR BR 1	84.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W J	—	—	71.00	73.00	61.00	—	5.25	GL W J	64.50	—	—	—	69.71	72.11	6.50								
GL W XL	—	—	63.33	65.28	61.42	—	26.25	GL W XL	65.29	66.00	—	—	69.00	71.89	18.50								
GL W LG	64.00	61.07	62.25	64.92	60.23	57.00	61.50	GL W LG	62.00	62.36	—	—	68.00	69.50	22.75								
GL W MD	—	47.46	44.58	44.33	44.18	—	19.50	GL W MD	52.00	46.00	50.00	51.50	48.50	53.94	11.75								
GL W SM	31.38	33.38	31.33	32.53	29.00	—	9.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	35.00	36.00	1.00								
GL BR LG	—	—	101.00	—	—	107.00	1.00	NRBS - 42	34.00	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	39.00	43.86	44.26	46.50																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	37.00	4.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	31.25	8.00																

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	03/10/03	03/03/03	03/11/02
PACIFIC COAST	389	520	295
LOS ANGELES	351	477	257

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland:	03/02/03-03/08/03
30-dozen case	7,850
Receipts from the mainland:	02/23/03-03/01/03
30-dozen case	6,783

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on all sizes. 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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