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Prices continued unchanged in the East and in Chicago. Elsewhere, prices ranged unchanged to higher. The market tone remained steady in the East, however all other areas were in a steady to at times fully steady position. Retail and distributive demand was light to good, best where featured. Supplies were balanced to sufficient for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient for normal to less than normal processing 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 Prices were 1 cent higher for the larger sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were usually fair to good with sellers still attempting to build inventories. Loose egg demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to balanced. Central States breaking stock values were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the tight to just adequate offerings as producers hold product with increased confidence. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-72	67-69
LARGE	63-71	65-69
MEDIUM	49-55	52-55

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	48-52
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 last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady, however some caution was noted as various factors were effecting the economy. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens were at least adequate for a fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules for the week were reported as regular to reduced.

	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 increased 1 cent for the larger sizes and were unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were fair to good with buyers still building inventories. Loose egg demand was rated as moderate to fairly good. Supplies were balanced to adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	73-82
LARGE	71-80
MEDIUM	53-62

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand ranged light to moderate, slightly better where features were a factor. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient 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 unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate, instances good where features are a factor. Supplies are mixed ranging from adequate to closely balanced.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	71-77
LARGE	69-75
MEDIUM	53-59

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone remained steady following the weekend. Demand ranged light to moderate, however, promotional activity was very limited. Supplies were generally adequate for needs.

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

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 1-2 cents higher on large and medium. The Pacific region inventory was 10% higher than last Monday with California up 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 14%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light and confidently held.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 2 cents higher on large, medium, and small. The California inventory was 7% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 68. 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 AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	113
EXTRA LARGE	108
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	88

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	189-199	MEDIUM	179-215

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 28, 2003 will increase by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 21, 2003 were 249,295 cases which was 6 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	208,994	40,301	249,295
% change from the prior week.....	+9	-4	+6

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 unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings continuing tight to just adequate as producers hold with increased confidence. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks closely 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 lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the 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 24-MAR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8.5	7.92
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 mixed but about unchanged from the previous week. Demand was moderate for sufficient offerings of spent heavy hens. Sales of dressed product were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-MAR-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-11.25 CENTS/LB.	7.5-8.5	8.32
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 24, 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		Percent		Number of	
		Cases		Change		Cooperators	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.2	26.1	7.4	15.7	13.4	75.8
	Change	1.5	4.3	0.7	1.5	1.2	14%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	34.3	57.2	18.6	34.9	32.0	177.0
	Change	4.2	11.3	5.7	8.1	-2.6	18%
Large	Curr Wk	56.6	122.3	92.8	116.3	138.2	526.2
	Change	-2.4	35.6	10.2	0.1	18.7	13%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.7	41.5	19.4	25.9	28.7	127.2
	Change	-0.2	6.0	0.9	6.5	4.6	16%
Small	Curr Wk	5.1	6.3	3.6	8.1	4.0	27.1
	Change	0.3	-1.7	0.4	0.1	-0.7	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.3	20.5	8.2	15.4	6.6	55.0
	Change	0.1	1.8	0.5	-9.6	0.0	-12%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	28.2	51.2	24.4	43.0	27.0	173.8
	Change	3.3	-11.9	3.3	7.2	2.2	2%
Total	Curr Wk	153.4	325.1	174.4	259.3	249.9	1162.1
Percent	Change	5%	16%	14%	6%	10%	11%
Shell Egg			1162.1		11%		175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/			229.4		-9%		38
Total Shell Egg			1391.5		7%		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.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

NORTHEAST	NO	SO	SO	5-AREA
	CENT	CENT	ATL	SUMMARY
	146.6	279.7	152.7	245.4
				226.5
				1050.9

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 MARCH 10, 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 10, 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 21, 2003

CURRENT LOADS							10.25	FUTURE LOADS							10.50	TOTAL LOADS							20.75
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST										
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00	GNR W 1	—	56.00	—	—	—	—	4.00								
GNR W 3	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	75.50	.25								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	65.00	—	.25	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	71.50	1.50								
GL W XL	61.00	63.00	—	—	62.00	—	4.50	GL W LG	64.50	70.00	—	—	—	73.50	2.00								
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	63.00	—	.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	52.25	1.00								
GL W MD	—	—	42.00	—	—	—	1.75																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50																
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	—	.50																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/17/03-03/21/03

CURRENT LOADS							112.00	FUTURE LOADS							48.50	TOTAL LOADS							160.50
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		MW		LOADS									
ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST						
GNR W 1	50.00	—	52.00	53.00	54.13	—	29.00	GNR W 1	55.00	57.28	—	—	—	64.00	25.00								
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 3	37.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00								
GNR W 3	—	40.50	—	—	—	—	4.00	GL W J	—	71.00	—	—	—	71.16	5.00								
GL W J	—	—	70.00	72.00	59.95	—	6.00	GL W XL	60.20	64.67	—	—	69.00	71.49	29.75								
GL W XL	61.00	62.67	63.13	64.98	61.78	—	53.25	GL W LG	60.83	69.43	—	70.50	68.00	70.84	47.75								
GL W LG	59.33	62.57	60.00	64.50	61.81	58.00	49.75	GL W MD	46.00	48.43	—	—	53.00	53.32	8.25								
GL W MD	—	49.00	43.00	46.00	45.06	—	10.50	GL W SM	30.00	35.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W SM	30.75	33.00	30.50	32.00	—	—	2.00	GL BR LG	99.00	—	—	—	—	108.00	1.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	39.00	44.50	44.00	17.75																
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	31.50	5.75																

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	03/17/03	03/10/03	03/18/02
PACIFIC COAST	268	389	209
LOS ANGELES	212	351	181

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland:	03/09/03-03/15/03
30-dozen case	4,847
Receipts from the mainland:	03/02/03-03/08/03
30-dozen case	7,850

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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Egg Quality Control

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 3/18/03

Report Period: 02/02/03 - 02/08/03

State	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	Total
	Shipped to	Shipped to	shipped to	
	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	State
Arizona	483		1,630	2,113
Colorado			3,991	3,991
Illinois			750	750
Iowa	1,470	1,620	50,773	53,863
Maine			791	791
Michigan			2,599	2,599
Minnesota		1,620	22,659	24,279
Missouri			930	930
Montana			856	856
New Hampshire			780	780
Ohio		1,620	5,493	7,113
Oregon	2,721	6		2,727
Utah			4,884	4,884
Virginia			720	720
Washington		188	1,160	1,348
Wisconsin			2,320	2,320
TOTAL	4,674	5,054	100,336	110,064
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	4,674	5,054	100,336	110,064

Report Date: 3/20/03

Report Period: 02/09/03 - 02/15/03

State	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	Total
	Shipped to	Shipped to	shipped to	
	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	State
Arizona	0	0	1,037	1,037
Arkansas	0	0	1,560	1,560
Colorado	0	0	5,732	5,732
Illinois	0	0	60	60
Indiana	0	0	775	775
Iowa	4,183	7,349	49,722	61,254
Maine	0	0	810	810
Michigan	0	0	1,620	1,620
Minnesota	2,370	1,590	20,157	24,117
Missouri	0	0	2,390	2,390
New Hampshire	0	0	950	950
Ohio	0	0	10,452	10,452
Oregon	3,799	0	0	3,799
Texas	0	0	1,150	1,150
Utah	890	2,160	8,032	11,082
Washington	0	576	0	576
Wisconsin	0	0	1,520	1,520
TOTAL	11,242	11,675	105,967	128,884
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	11,242	11,675	105,967	128,884

California Department of Food and Agriculture

Egg Quality Control

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 3/21/03

Report Period: 02/16/03 - 02/22/03

	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	Total
	Shipped to	Shipped to	shipped to	State
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	1,390	1,390
Arkansas	0	0	780	780
Colorado	0	0	4,054	4,054
Indiana	0	0	1,680	1,680
Iowa	4,830	4,640	66,768	76,238
Maine	0	0	1,716	1,716
Michigan	0	0	954	954
Minnesota	1,560	0	16,345	17,905
Mississippi	0	0	1,660	1,660
Missouri	0	0	7,651	7,651
Ohio	0	790	4,705	5,495
Oregon	1,442	0	0	1,442
Texas	0	0	2,114	2,114
Utah	903	2,970	13,429	17,302
Washington	289	288	810	1,387
Wisconsin	0	0	2,280	2,280
TOTAL	9,024	8,688	126,336	144,048
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	9,024	8,688	126,336	144,048