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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Weekly prices in the South were lower on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices continued unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand remained light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock demand was light for adequate to balanced supplies. Light type fowl were generally sufficient for normal to reduced processing schedules.

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

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times fairly good and continued to improve. Food service movement was mostly moderate, best into vacation areas. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand were quiet as buyers and sellers assess current market conditions. Floor stocks in balance to adequate. Schedules generally full-time at best. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49-56	50-52
LARGE	47-55	49-53
MEDIUM	46-52	49-52

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

	RANGE
LARGE	32-36
MEDIUM	29-31
SMALL	12-16

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged when compared to last week's values. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were generally sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules for light hens were reported as normal to reduced for the week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-69	58-62
LARGE	51-66	56-60
MEDIUM	48-63	53-55

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were slightly lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate and continued to show improvement. Institutional business was moderate. Supplies were adequate to available.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	57.5-66
LARGE	53.5-62
MEDIUM	52-58

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was usually steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock demand was only fair for about adequate to adequate supplies. Light type fowl were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54.5-63	56-59
LARGE	53-63	54-57
MEDIUM	49.5-57	50-54

SOUTHEAST 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.

**NEW YORK** Prices entered the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady at prevailing price levels. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	65-69
LARGE	63-67
MEDIUM	60-64

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was mixed, mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	55-61
LARGE	53-59
MEDIUM	50-56

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**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 13% lower than last Monday with California down 9% and Oregon- Washington-Utah down 20%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 9% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings lighter. Small benchmark price 64. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79, 2 for \$3, 18 pack 2 for \$3.

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	97
EXTRA LARGE	93
LARGE	89
MEDIUM	84

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	259-339	JUMBO	255-339
EXTRA LARGE	249-319	EXTRA LARGE	239-319
LARGE	209-229	LARGE	215-249
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	189-215

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 16, 2003 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 09, 2003 were 219,166 cases which was 17 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	180,288	38,878	219,166
% change from the prior week.....	+21	+0	+17

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

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand were quiet as buyers and sellers assess current market conditions. Floor stocks in balance to adequate. Schedules generally full-time at best. Trade sentiment steady.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	35-39	37-39

CHECKS & UNDERGRADES

23-28

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 fair at best the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was moderate. Processing schedules were 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 12-MAY-03. RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5	8-8.5	8.02
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 generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-MAY-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-10.5	8-8.5	8.44

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 12, 2002**

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	8.8	12.5	6.5	9.4	11.3	48.5
	Change	0.2	-4.3	-2.5	-2.1	-0.4	-16%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.0	51.0	12.8	19.7	25.7	131.2
	Change	0.8	-4.3	-3.5	-5.0	-3.0	-10%
Large	Curr Wk	48.4	95.0	64.9	81.2	72.6	362.1
	Change	7.9	-19.4	-10.4	-25.1	-24.2	-16%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.4	38.0	18.1	26.3	29.4	123.2
	Change	1.4	2.4	4.4	5.9	4.8	18%
Small	Curr Wk	2.4	5.6	2.1	8.4	7.6	26.1
	Change	0.4	0.0	-0.7	1.8	1.3	12%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.3	21.4	7.0	11.8	5.9	50.4
	Change	-0.2	6.6	-1.3	3.2	-1.5	16%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	9.1	39.3	17.2	26.4	26.0	118.0
	Change	-8.2	-7.0	-3.3	5.9	-3.4	-12%
Total	Curr Wk	106.4	262.8	128.6	183.2	178.5	859.5
Percent	Change	2%	-9%	-12%	-8%	-13%	-9%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	859.5	-9%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	277.6	11%	36

Total Shell Egg	1,137.1	-5%	210
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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.

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 APRIL 28, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	195.2	192.1	183.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 28, 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 MAY 9, 2003

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	3.00	GNR W XL	37.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 1	—	—	37.50	39.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	61.00	.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	51.00	—	.25	GL W XL	49.00	—	—	—	—	56.47	4.75
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	46.13	—	6.75	GL W LG	45.50	—	—	—	—	51.33	2.25
GL W LG	—	—	45.50	47.00	41.80	—	2.25	GL W MD	41.00	—	—	—	—	46.77	3.25
GL W MD	—	—	41.00	43.00	37.56	—	4.25								
GL W SM	—	—	30.00	31.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	37.90	40.00	8.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	19.00	21.00	—	—	.75								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/05/03-05/09/03

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		MW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	3.00	GNR W XL	37.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 1	34.14	36.18	37.63	38.67	38.50	35.00	20.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	48.50	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	25.00	27.50	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	59.00	—	60.08	4.50
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	56.00	1.00	GL W XL	44.14	45.30	—	—	49.00	52.61	24.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	48.41	—	4.50	GL W LG	41.92	46.50	—	52.00	45.14	49.73	34.00
GL W XL	—	46.88	49.63	49.31	44.44	45.35	45.75	GL W MD	39.80	44.00	—	—	—	46.89	5.75
GL W LG	—	45.10	45.82	47.08	42.24	43.00	20.50	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25
GL W MD	—	46.00	43.70	45.33	37.60	—	13.75	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	30.50	32.00	30.38	32.00	—	—	6.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL BR XL	—	70.00	—	—	—	—	.25	NRBS - 45	27.00	—	—	—	—	48.00	2.00
GL BR LG	—	70.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	32.00	34.00	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 48	—	—	37.00	38.00	37.70	39.30	37.50								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	34.50	33.33	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.20	20.20	—	27.50	5.25								

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	05/05/03	04/28/03	05/06/02
PACIFIC COAST	175	124	451
LOS ANGELES	114	92	423

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on small 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	75.27
LARGE	72.27
MEDIUM	69.27
SMALL	54.27

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland:	04/27/03-05/03/03
30-dozen case	7,016
Receipts from the mainland:	04/20/03-04/26/03
30-dozen case	5,311

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 5/5/2003

Report Period: 4/20/2003 - 4/26/2003

State	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	Total
	Shipped to Northern California	Shipped to Central California	shipped to Southern California	
Arizona	1,536	0	0	1,536
Arkansas	0	810	0	810
Colorado	0	0	4,167	4,167
Idaho	0	0	756	756
Iowa	6,000	4,645	53,666	64,311
Minnesota	3,030	2,367	22,573	27,970
Missouri	0	0	5,394	5,394
Montana	0	0	168	168
New Hampshire	0	0	800	800
North Carolina	0	2,200	3,140	5,340
Ohio	0	800	3,030	3,830
Oregon	2,051	90	0	2,141
Texas	0	0	1,030	1,030
Utah	0	3,648	6,789	10,437
Washington	0	528	0	528
Wisconsin	0	0	1,505	1,505
TOTAL	12,617	15,088	103,018	130,723
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	12,617	15,088	103,018	130,723

Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture, Egg Quality Control