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In New York, prices were unchanged. In other locations, prices were sharply higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to short for current trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were short to adequate for the light to good demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for about 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 Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent higher for large and medium with Midwest regional pricing sharply higher when compared to last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate with loose egg movement mixed from light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to in close balance. Central states breaking stock prices were 1 cent higher. Offerings were tight to barely adequate with demand quiet as breakers assess the market place. Schedules full-time to over-time. Floor stocks in close balance to just adequate. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	81-90	83-87
LARGE	80-88	81-86
MEDIUM	57-65	60-62

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	64-68
MEDIUM	41-43
SMALL	18-22

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm entering the week. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for full needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for about normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83-95	83-90
LARGE	77-92	84-86
MEDIUM	56-71	61-64

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Extra large and large prices were up 9 cents, mediums increased 6 to 8 cents. Trade sentiment remained fully steady to firm. Retail demand remained good to very good, especially where featured. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were in balance to tight with premium prices quoted for additional product.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88.5-97	89-91
LARGE	83.5-93	85-86
MEDIUM	59.5-68	61-63

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were close to tight for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were irregular and ranged short to sufficient. Demand for additional product was moderate to good for mostly normal breaking schedules. Light type fowl were fully adequate for the light to no better than fair demand. Slaughter schedules were about normal for this week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	75-89	83-86
LARGE	72-87	81-84
MEDIUM	55-66	59-63

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 were unchanged on all sizes entering the week. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to fairly good. Supplies were barely adequate to close for needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	93-97
LARGE	91-95
MEDIUM	70-74

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes increased 1 cent. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good, best where features are a factor. Offerings balanced to tight.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	88-94
LARGE	87-92
MEDIUM	64-71

WESTERN Prices 10 cents higher on jumbo, 10-11 cents higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 16% lower than last Monday with California down 16% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 15%. Retailer demand moderate to good. Offerings short.

CALIFORNIA Prices 10 cents higher on jumbo, 11 cents higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 16% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings short. Small benchmark price 74. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, large dozen 159, 18 pack 2 for \$3, 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	132
EXTRA LARGE	129
LARGE	121
MEDIUM	94

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	259-319	EXTRA LARGE	239-319
LARGE	219-229	LARGE	215-255
MEDIUM	199	MEDIUM	189-215

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 15, 2003 will decrease by 12 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 08, 2003 were 247,908 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	207,218	40,690	247,908
% change from the prior week.....	-11	-1	-10

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were 1 cent higher. Offerings were tight to barely adequate with demand quiet as breakers assess the market place. Floor stocks in close balance to just adequate. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone. 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	65-67	66
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	50-56	52
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 ago. Demand ranged light to moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-AUG-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.5	8.25
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 generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-AUG-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-10 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.49

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM AUG 11, 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	5.7	10.9	8.9	54.3
	Change	-2.2	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	-1.3	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.7	51.5	14.2	23.8	36.7	149.9
	Change	-0.3	4.8	-1.2	-0.5	3.7	5%
Large	Curr Wk	49.9	97.1	53.1	84.4	87.6	372.1
	Change	5.0	11.1	-9.6	6.4	-23.3	-3%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.0	36.1	18.8	23.7	33.2	127.8
	Change	2.2	2.3	-0.1	1.1	-7.2	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	5.3	6.0	2.3	8.4	4.5	26.5
	Change	-3.1	-1.5	-2.9	3.4	-0.1	-14%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	21.9	7.9	9.3	6.4	50.0
	Change	0.4	-0.6	-2.3	-2.5	-0.7	-10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	11.1	36.4	11.9	27.3	21.5	108.2
	Change	-5.9	0.4	-4.0	2.1	-8.3	-13%
Total	Curr Wk	119.9	268.4	113.9	187.8	198.8	888.8
Percent	Change	-3%	6%	-15%	6%	-16%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	888.8	-4%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	252.6	2%	35
Total Shell Egg	1141.4	-3%	207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 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:

	No	So	So	5-Area		
Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
	123.8	252.3	134.0	178.0	236.0	924.1

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 JULY 28, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 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 AUGUST 08, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 8.50								FUTURE LOADS 15.50				TOTAL LOADS 24.00			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	—	—	68.00	69.00	—	—	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GL W XL	—	—	—	80.00	77.71	—	GL W XL	79.00	81.00	—	—	—	89.67	2.25	
GL W LG	—	—	77.00	78.00	79.29	—	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	89.14	10.75	
GL W MD	—	—	54.50	56.00	—	—	GL W MD	—	—	47.00	—	—	51.00	1.00	
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—									

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/28/03-08/01/03

CURRENT LOADS 102.75								FUTURE LOADS 73.00				TOTAL LOADS 175.75			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		MW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	65.00	61.67	63.25	65.00	—	67.97	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00	
GNR W 2	—	62.00	—	—	—	—	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	55.00	58.00	GNR BR 1	67.00	70.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W J	—	—	76.00	78.00	79.50	—	GL W J	76.00	79.00	—	—	—	91.17	3.50	
GL W XL	73.00	76.82	73.50	74.70	78.01	—	GL W XL	76.67	80.88	—	—	—	85.63	30.50	
GL W LG	71.00	76.53	70.92	71.46	75.63	76.00	GL W LG	74.42	78.07	83.50	83.00	—	83.76	46.75	
GL W MD	45.00	51.50	48.80	50.47	44.25	48.88	GL W MD	46.14	—	47.00	—	44.25	51.09	10.00	
GL W SM	—	—	34.33	36.08	34.50	38.50	GL W SM	28.00	—	—	—	—	37.00	1.00	
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	75.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	54.00	—	64.43	NRBS - 39	45.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	48.00	43.00	50.67	NRBS - 36	37.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	40.00									

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	08/04/03	07/28/03	08/05/02
PACIFIC COAST	58	71	402
LOS ANGELES	39	54	341

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland:	07/27/03-08/02/03
30-dozen case	8,392
Receipts from the mainland:	07/20/03-07/26/03
30-dozen case	7,546

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on all sizes. The 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	102.35
LARGE	98.35
MEDIUM	77.35
SMALL	54.00

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 8/07/2003

Report Period: 7/27/2003 - 8/03/2003

State	Number Cases	Number Cases	Number Cases	Total State
	Shipped to Northern California	Shipped to Central California	shipped to Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	0	0
Colorado	0	720	7,041	7,761
Illinois	0	0	780	780
Iowa	4,630	3,920	56,132	64,682
Maine	0	0	760	760
Michigan	0	0	780	780
Minnesota	5,960	0	7,518	13,478
Missouri	0	0	4,836	4,836
Montana	0	0	850	850
New Hampshire	0	0	760	760
North Carolina	0	0	1,620	1,620
Ohio	0	0	4,540	4,540
Oregon	3,093	110	432	3,635
Texas	0	0	2,590	2,590
Utah	936	3,620	11,004	15,560
Virginia	0	0	720	720
Wisconsin	0	0	715	715
TOTAL	14,619	8,370	101,078	124,067
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	14,619	8,370	101,078	124,067