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Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to occasionally very good. Supplies were sufficient to at times available for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to short and confidently held. Demand for additional product was moderate to good for less than normal to over-time breaking schedules. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent lower for large and medium with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to good, mostly light to moderate. Loose egg demand was in a full range of light to very good, mostly moderate to good. Supplies were generally adequate. Central States nest run breaking stock and checks and undergrade prices were unchanged. Offerings were about adequate to tight with demand reported as fairly good to good. Supplies were in close balance. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	85-94	88-91
LARGE	84-92	85-90
MEDIUM	61-69	64-66

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

RANGE

LARGE	66-70
MEDIUM	43-45
SMALL	20-24

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate for full trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were short to sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Breaking schedules were less than normal to overtime for next week. Offerings of spent fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as regular.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	89-101	92-94
LARGE	83-98	90-92
MEDIUM	61-76	66-68

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Retail demand fair to instances good and noted as less active than recent weeks. Food service movement moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate on all sizes.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	92.5-101	93-95
LARGE	87.5-97	89-90
MEDIUM	61.5-70	63-65

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to instances fairly good, best where scattered features were available. Medium eggs were advertised as buy two dozen for \$1.00. Supplies were adequate for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short to sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Breaking schedules ranged less than normal to heavy. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the light to fair demand.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	79.5-93	87-90
LARGE	76.5-91	85-88
MEDIUM	55.5-69	62-66

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 EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to occasionally good. Supplies were adequate for current trade requirements.

RANGE

EXTRA LARGE	98-102
LARGE	96-100
MEDIUM	71-75

CHICAGO EGGS Prices on all sizes one cent lower. The market tone was about steady. Retail and food service demand was fair with scattered factor activity. Supplies were adequate.

RANGE

EXTRA LARGE	90-96
LARGE	89-94
MEDIUM	66-73

WESTERN REGION EGG Prices were unchanged. The market tone was weak. Asking prices for next week 1-2 cents lower on large and 1 cent lower on jumbo, extra large and smaller sizes. Retailer demand was fair; best were scattered features in progress. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 2 cents lower on large and 1 cent lower on all other sizes. Retailer demand was fair best to cover limited feature activity. Offerings generally adequate. Small benchmark price 78. Ads in Southern California: major - large 18 pack 50 percent off; smaller outlets, medium dozen 99, 18 pack extra large 169.

CALIFORNIA 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	136
EXTRA LARGE	133
LARGE	125
MEDIUM	98

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE

JUMBO	116-126
EXTRA LARGE	114-123
LARGE	112-115
MEDIUM	85-88

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE

JUMBO	269-339
EXTRA LARGE	259-319
LARGE	219-239
MEDIUM	199-219

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were about adequate to tight and confidently held. Demand was fairly good to good. Floor stocks closely balanced to tight. Schedules full-time to over-time with most breakers attempting to work five days next week as the Labor Day holiday approaches. Trade sentiment steady.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	71-73	73
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	56-62	58
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were slightly higher on nest run breaking stock and unchanged to higher on undergrades and checks when compared to early week trading. Demand some what slowed but was still moderate to good. Offerings were short to sufficient for less than normal to overtime breaking schedules. Trade sentiment was irregular but mostly steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 16 August 2003 were 8% higher than last week, and 3% higher than a year ago.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	64-68	65-67
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	51-64	52-56

EASTERN REGION AREA:

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 16-Aug-03
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
PW	1,219,067	29,564	11,171	6,160	2,695	4,362
LY	1,296,759	30,330	11,792	5,994	2,943	4,655
% CHG PW	1	0	2	2	-9	-2
% CHG LY	-5	-2	-3	5	-17	-8
2003	37,905,587	921,713	346,866	190,216	77,796	137,514
2002	39,437,091	916,164	383,054	205,509	94,104	140,333
% YTD	-4	+1	-10	-8	-17	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED) (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	CURRENT		
	WEEK	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
	41.78	42.05	40.69
	38.31	38.47	37.11

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 85 to 91 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 48 to 49 cents fob. Trade sentiment was firm for all products with bids on whites trending higher. Offerings were tight with breakers reporting intentions to limit separation and only produce for previous agreements and contractual needs. Demand was good to very good. Nest run breaking stock prices were slightly higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	5	62-64	63.00	1.71
WHITES	13	41-44	42.69	3.03
YOLKS	9	86-92.5	88.00	3.09

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Prices were unchanged to higher on whole and whites, and higher on yolks when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Trading was seasonal but usually reported as light as a combination of limited offerings and higher trending price curtailed interest. Overall, supplies were in close balance to short of needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 16 August 2003 were 3% more than the previous week, and 4% more than a year ago. According to NASS July frozen egg inventories were reported as about 3% more than than the previous month.

	WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER LB IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)		LTL
	TRUCKLOTS		(MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	65-77	74-75	80-84
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		90-108
WHITES	54-56		59-68
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	95-103	99-101	105-112
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	91-100	94-98	100-106

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and whites ranged unchanged to higher with sugared and salted yolk ranging higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm on all frozen products. Most processors of frozen egg products held product with confidence as frozen inventories were reported as very limited. Demand was fairly good to good. Breaking stock prices were slightly higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	73-75	74-75
WHITES	54-56	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	99-103	100-101
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	96-98	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent higher on whole, 2 cents higher on whites, and 4 cents higher on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/16 was 2% less than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate overall with freezer stocks fair.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	79-82	
WHITES	59-62	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	105-108	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	102-105	

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Trade sentiment remained firm as prices continued to trend sharply higher when compared to last week's trading. Demand was moderate to good. However, offerings and trading was light with product often reported as short of needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 16 August 2003 were 9% less than the previous week, and 17% less than the same week a year ago. The total year to date dried egg produced was 17% less than a year earlier.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB, IN CONT., TRUCKLOT & LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	2.53-2.85	MOSTLY	2.65-2.85
YOLKS	2.15-2.55	MOSTLY	2.35-2.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.12-4.75	MOSTLY	4.20-4.39
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.84-2.05	MOSTLY	1.90-1.98

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 15 2003-AUGUST 21, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 84.50

FUTURE LOADS 77.25

TOTAL LOADS 164.75

SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	70.00	73.00	71.79	74.15	71.50	72.00	25.00	GNR W 1	71.00	75.33	—	—	—	—	10.00
GNR W 2	—	72.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 2	67.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 3	—	—	44.00	45.00	—	—	.25	GNR BR 1	74.00	76.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	81.00	—	3.50	GL W J	85.00	—	—	90.00	—	93.42	4.25
GL W XL	—	80.00	81.00	83.03	76.60	—	43.75	GL W XL	80.43	84.75	—	86.00	—	85.80	20.00
GL W LG	—	81.75	78.70	81.00	76.07	—	31.75	GL W LG	81.00	84.73	—	—	—	86.45	30.25
GL W MD	—	58.00	50.06	53.54	54.55	55.00	16.00	GL W MD	53.00	—	—	65.00	57.50	60.98	9.75
GL W SM	37.50	39.50	35.88	36.59	34.50	38.50	6.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	47.00	.25
NRBS - 50	—	—	61.00	63.00	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 48	—	67.13	—	—	—	73.75	40.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	43.00	44.00	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 39	—	—	50.67	52.67	—	—	5.50								

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. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Demand was light to fair. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs required for disposition of spent leghorn fowl were too few to report. Offerings were fully adequate for slaughter needs. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were higher when compared to the previous week. Offerings continued fully adequate to ample with demand light to moderate. Opinions of values were about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-11.75	6.25-10

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked light slaughter schedules. Offerings were generally adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	93.00	91.00	67.00
SOUTHEAST	88.50	86.50	64.00
MIDWEST	89.50	87.50	65.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	94.00	89.50	64.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	91.41	88.68	64.95

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair. Trading was very light. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. The undertone was mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

20-25 MAJORITY 23-24

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

21-26 MAJORITY 25.5-26

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

29-36 MAJORITY 33.5-34.5

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

30-38 MAJORITY 34.5-36.5

NOTICE

CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

DUE TO BLACKOUT

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending August 09, 2003		2003	2002	2002
Liquid	407	558	10,110	11,676
Frozen	0	0	96	21
Dried	7	20	342	389
Total	414	578	10,548	12,086

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending August 09, 2003		2003	2002	2002
Liquid	131	168	3,687	4,167
Frozen	8	38	1,855	2,253
Dried	0	6	862	3,300
Total	139	212	6,404	9,720

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending August 09, 2003		2003	2002	2002
Jumbo	0	30	273	1,191
Extra Large	150	1,200	15,047	19,480
Large	2,542	4,734	64,025	85,056
Medium	1,764	360	39,833	32,011
Ungraded	7,520	2,940	62,686	186,215
Misc	0	420	3,852	12,702
Total	11,976	9,684	185,716	336,655

Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT 19-Aug-2003
 PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
 DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	138	134	90	56
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	131-135	127-131	83-87	49-53
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	137-141	133-137	89-93	55-59
VERMONT MOSTLY	140-141	135-137	90-93	-

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 08/18/03		3,385	217,524	59,015
AM 08/01/03		3,353	217,186	59,026
CHG		32	338	-11
PCT CHG		1%	0%	0%

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

FROZEN EGGS:		(In Units of 1,000)			
Monthly Cold Storage Report		30-Jun	30-Jun	31-Jul	31-Jul
		2002	2003	2002	2003
FROZEN EGGS:					
Whites	1,675	2,659	1,863	2,679	
Yolks	819	897	1,015	1,155	
Whole & Mixed	6,397	10,725	6,414	11,073	
Unclassified	3,829	3,670	3,651	3,618	
Total Frozen Eggs	12,720	17,951	12,943	18,525	

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 16-Aug-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	23.0	21.0	9	11
BOSTON	3.3	3.3	0	-6
CHICAGO	62.4	66.5	-6	77
DETROIT	25.2	27.4	-8	1
KANSAS CITY	3.9	4.1	-5	-7
LOS ANGELES	80.1	100.5	-20	-3
NEW ORLEANS	11.6	10.9	6	-7
NEW YORK	31.3	31.2	0	0
ST. LOUIS	16.3	18.3	-11	-2
SAN FRANCISCO	21.0	21.6	-3	-6
TOTAL	278.1	304.8	-9	10
4 WK MVG AVG	296.9			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 16-Aug-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	211.3	2	-4
E.N. CENTRAL	560.2	2	3
W.N. CENTRAL	293.1	-1	8
S. ATLANTIC	176.8	-2	12
S. CENTRAL	90.7	-6	14
WEST	184.8	-5	1
TOTAL	1516.9	-1	4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

CHICKENS AND EGGS**July Egg Production Down Slightly**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.34 billion during July 2003, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.26 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2003 averaged 332 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,214 eggs, up 1 percent from July 2002.

July 2003 contained 23 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays, the same as July 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 2003, totaled 332 million, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 332 million layers consisted of 274 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.59 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2003, averaged 71.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.86 billion eggs during July 2003, down slightly from a year ago. The average number of layers during July, at 309 million, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

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