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Prices were higher on all sizes in all locations. The market tone remained firm. Demand was moderate to usually very good. Supplies were closely balanced to very short for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were in close balance to short for the fair to good demand. The National total shell egg inventory was 6% lower than a week earlier. Light type hens were about adequate for the moderate demand.

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 sharply higher. Trade sentiment firm for all sizes. Retail demand was very good. Food service movement was generally moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were tight. Monday's egg inventories were up 28% in IL-IN, down 9% in IA-MN, 6% higher in MI, and 19% lower in OH. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was fair with offerings tight as any available gradeable shell eggs move into retail channels. Floor stocks tight to closely balanced. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	100-109	104-106
LARGE	100-108	102-105
MEDIUM	83-89	86-88

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	87-94	89
MEDIUM	71-75	73
SMALL	43-45	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher on all sizes when compared to prices last week. Trade sentiment was firm. Demand in all channels ranged moderate to mostly good. The Northeast inventory increased 4 percent, however the New England shell egg inventory was 2 percent less than a week ago. Supplies were close to tight and held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings were closely balanced to short for the moderate to good demand. Demand for light type hens was at least moderate for about adequate supplies.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	105-118	108-111
LARGE	100-115	107-109
MEDIUM	83-98	88-90

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment firm. Retail demand was very good. Food service movement was moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were tight for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was fair with offerings tight as any available gradeable shell eggs move into retail channels. Floor stocks tight to closely balanced. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	108.5-117	110-113
LARGE	106.5-115	108-111
MEDIUM	86.5-95	88-81

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was firm. Demand was moderate to very good. Supplies were closely balanced to mostly very tight for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were in close balance to short for the moderate to good demand. The South Atlantic regional shell egg inventory was 1% less than a week ago. Light type hens were about sufficient for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	96.25-116	110-113
LARGE	95.25-114	108-111
MEDIUM	74.25-94	87-91

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 increased sharply on all sizes. Trade sentiment remained firm. Retail demand was good. The New York shell egg inventory was 11% lower when compared to last Monday. Supplies were tight to close balanced for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	120-124
LARGE	118-122
MEDIUM	104-108

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices were sharply higher for all sizes. The trade sentiment remained firm. Retail demand was good to usually very good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were tight to in close balance.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	106-114	108-110
LARGE	105-114	106-109
MEDIUM	88-97	91-93

Certified Organic Eggs in Cartons

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

	Cents/Carton	Mostly
Brown Eggs		
Extra Large doz.	210 - 250	212 - 240
1/2 doz.	123 - 141	125 - 134
Large doz.	200 - 260	215 - 225
1/2 doz.	120 - 132	128 - 132

WESTERN Prices 15-21 cents higher on jumbo, 15-22 cents higher on extra large, and 14-16 cents higher on large and medium. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last week with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 8%. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings short.

CALIFORNIA Prices 21 cents higher on jumbo, 22 cents higher on extra large, and 16 cents higher on large, medium, and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last week. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings very short. Small benchmark price 104. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 149-179, 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	152
EXTRA LARGE	151
LARGE	141
MEDIUM	124

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

	RANGE	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
JUMBO	289-349	JUMBO	309-389
EXTRA LARGE	289-329	EXTRA LARGE	299-369
LARGE	229-349	LARGE	219-349
MEDIUM	199-299	MEDIUM	199-299

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 23, 2004 will increase by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 16, 2004 were 248,324 cases which was 7 percent below the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	205,147	43,177	248,324
% change from the prior week.....	-11	+17	-7

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were higher when compared to previously reported prices. Demand was fair with offerings tight as any available gradeable shell eggs move into retail channels. Floor stocks tight to closely balanced. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment firm.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	74-77	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	62-68	62-64.5

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 moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 19-JAN-04.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	6-9.5	8.5-9	8.60
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 adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-JAN-04

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.75	8.75-9.25	9.13

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JAN 19, 2004

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.0	13.0	5.5	12.5	48.3
	Change	0.1	-0.9	0.2	1.2	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.6	31.3	13.5	17.4	106.5
	Change	0.2	0.0	0.3	-1.9	0%
Large	Curr Wk	33.5	97.1	64.7	91.6	354.0
	Change	-2.6	-1.3	-4.8	8.6	1%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.7	31.5	12.8	15.6	107.1
	Change	4.2	-4.1	-1.1	-6.7	-5%
Small	Curr Wk	4.8	5.5	3.7	3.1	20.4
	Change	1.3	0.7	-2.2	-1.1	-11%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.0	22.5	9.0	20.4	63.4
	Change	-0.2	-5.1	-0.5	1.0	-9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.5	47.8	14.1	26.3	127.9
	Change	0.5	-5.7	-1.1	-2.6	-11%
Total	Curr Wk	102.1	248.7	123.3	186.9	827.6
Percent	Change	4%	-6%	-7%	-1%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	827.6	-3%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	252.2	-16%	36
Total Shell Egg	1,079.8	-6%	206

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 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.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197	194	185	114
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JANUARY 5, 2004 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 JANUARY 16, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								10.75	FUTURE LOADS								4.75	TOTAL LOADS								15.50
SE				NE				MW				LOADS	SC				NW				SW				LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS					
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	117.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	125.00	3.00				
GL W XL	—	—	116.50	119.25	113.50	—	—	—	7.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	121.43	1.75				
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	111.43	—	—	—	2.50	GL W MD	83.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	91.00	1.00				
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL BR LG	—	124.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GL BR LG	—	—	112.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 39	56.00	57.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/12/04-01/16/04

CURRENT LOADS								73.00	FUTURE LOADS								78.00	TOTAL LOADS								151.00
SE				NE				MW				LOADS	SC				NW				MW				LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS					
GNR W 1	81.75	93.80	84.75	85.22	—	79.00	—	—	56.00	GNR W 1	—	94.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	101.63	12.00				
GNR W 2	74.00	—	—	76.00	—	—	—	—	4.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	127.00	1.00				
GNR W 3	—	—	56.00	57.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	94.00	1.00				
GNR BR 1	—	102.60	—	—	116.00	—	—	—	3.50	GL W XL	108.60	93.00	—	109.80	—	—	—	—	—	—	113.38	18.25				
GL W J	—	—	—	—	81.00	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	95.50	—	109.80	—	—	—	—	—	—	103.71	23.75				
GL W XL	—	106.21	100.50	99.77	104.38	86.00	—	—	49.00	GL W MD	85.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	87.46	9.75				
GL W LG	—	101.95	94.75	108.85	94.17	84.00	—	—	36.00	GL BR LG	—	124.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GL W MD	83.00	73.33	71.00	78.00	76.07	77.87	—	—	19.00	NRBS - 48	50.00	51.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00				
GL W SM	—	—	50.00	51.50	—	—	—	—	.75	NRBS - 39	56.00	57.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GL BR LG	—	—	112.00	—	121.00	—	—	—	4.75																	
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	72.50	—	—	7.00																	

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	01/12/04	01/05/04	01/13/03
PACIFIC COAST	124	131	448
LOS ANGELES	39	49	379

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

UNAVAILABLE

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on all sizes. The supply is tight to closely balanced. Retail demand is moderate.

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	129.35
LARGE	127.4
MEDIUM	109.01
SMALL	80.32

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 01/13/2004

Report Period: 01/04/2004 - 01/10/2004

State	Number Cases Shipped to		Number Cases shipped to Southern California	Total State
	Northern California	Central California		
Arizona	0	0	2,260	2,260
Colorado	390	0	3,554	3,944
Iowa	3,500	8,280	41,195	52,975
Minnesota	2,820	3,890	7,170	13,880
Missouri	0	0	2,636	2,636
Nevada	0	0	1,638	1,638
North Carolina	0	810	780	1,590
Oregon	7,254	119	840	8,213
South Dakota	810	0	0	810
Texas	0	0	1,312	1,312
Utah	642	2,682	9,501	12,825
TOTAL	15,416	15,781	70,886	102,083
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	15,416	15,781	70,886	102,083