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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand was light to good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were well balanced to occasionally ample with the lighter weights in the longest position. Breaking stock supplies were barely sufficient to fully adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were generally sufficient for mostly 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** All prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment continued mostly steady. Cartoned egg sales were in a full range of fair to good, mostly moderate with improvement noted in isolated areas. Many buyers were purchasing on a hand to mouth basis and working from current inventories. Loose egg demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was very light as many breakers awaited market adjustments. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

|             | RANGE   | MOSTLY  | IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers. |           |
|-------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 114-123 | 118-120 | <b>LARGE</b>                         | 97-104 99 |
| LARGE       | 114-122 | 116-119 | <b>MEDIUM</b>                        | 83-87 85  |
| MEDIUM      | 100-106 | 103-105 | <b>SMALL</b>                         | 49-51     |

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 previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies remained adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were generally sufficient for mostly normal schedules.

|             | RANGE   | MOSTLY  |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 120-134 | 123-126 |
| LARGE       | 115-129 | 120-124 |
| MEDIUM      | 101-114 | 106-108 |

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate well balanced for extra large and large and were adequate to at times available for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to slightly higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was very light as many breakers awaited market adjustments. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were tentatively scheduled for full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

|             | RANGE     | MOSTLY  |
|-------------|-----------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 120.5-129 | 122-125 |
| LARGE       | 119.5-128 | 121-124 |
| MEDIUM      | 103.5-112 | 105-108 |

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Breaking stock supplies were barely sufficient to adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were generally sufficient for usually normal slaughter schedules.

|             | RANGE      | MOSTLY  |
|-------------|------------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 119.25-130 | 124-127 |
| LARGE       | 117.25-128 | 122-125 |
| MEDIUM      | 105.25-111 | 104-108 |

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 began the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was usually steady. Demand was light moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available for current trade requirements.

|             | RANGE   |
|-------------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 129-133 |
| LARGE       | 127-131 |
| MEDIUM      | 113-117 |

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Prices were unchanged for the week. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were mixed larger sizes were in a good balance, lighter weights were adequate to available.

|             | RANGE   | MOSTLY  |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 120-128 | 122-124 |
| LARGE       | 119-127 | 120-123 |
| MEDIUM      | 105-114 | 108-110 |

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 34% higher than last Monday with California up 33% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 35%. Retailer demand light. Offerings easily adequate.

## CALIFORNIA

Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 33% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 122. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 2 for \$4, 18 pack 249-299.

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       | 167   |
| EXTRA LARGE | 166   |
| LARGE       | 157   |
| MEDIUM      | 142   |

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               | 299-399 | JUMBO               | 309-409 |
| EXTRA LARGE         | 289-359 | EXTRA LARGE         | 329-399 |
| LARGE               | 239-349 | LARGE               | 269-379 |
| MEDIUM              | 199-289 | MEDIUM              | 229-319 |

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 26, 2004 will increase by 19 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 19, 2004 were 220,791 cases which was 11 percent below the prior week and 7 percent below estimates.

|                                   | CARTONED | LOOSE  | TOTAL   |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 183,564  | 37,227 | 220,791 |
| % change from the prior week..... | -12      | -7     | -11     |

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

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to slightly higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was very light as many breakers awaited market adjustments. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were tentatively scheduled for full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

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 |
|---|-------|--------|
| BREAKING STOCK  | 91-94 |        |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES                                  | 80-86 | 80-82  |
| CENTRAL STATES AREA:                                  |       |        |
| AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI |       |        |

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate. Offerings were generally adequate. Processing schedules normal to instances heavy. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 22-MAR-04

|                          | RANGE             | MAJORITY  | WTD<br>AVG |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING    | 6-10.25 CENTS/LB. | 8.75-9.25 | 8.93       |
| 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** Pricing was slightly higher for current week arrivals of spent hens. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from primary users. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were clearing available production. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 22-MAR-04

|                       | RANGE             | MAJORITY | WTD<br>AVG |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 6.25-12 CENTS/LB. | 9-9.5    | 9.16       |

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-MAR 22, 2004**

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

|          |         | Ne    | So    | So    | Atl   | Pacific | 5-Area |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| Jumbo    | Curr Wk | 13.1  | 25.5  | 9.3   | 18.0  | 14.5    | 80.4   |
|          | Change  | 1.7   | 4.6   | -0.4  | 1.8   | -0.8    | 10%    |
| Ex Lge   | Curr Wk | 33.1  | 52.4  | 14.7  | 27.0  | 45.9    | 173.1  |
|          | Change  | 5.1   | 10.6  | -0.5  | 0.2   | 8.6     | 16%    |
| Large    | Curr Wk | 92.5  | 157.7 | 116.8 | 141.1 | 159.9   | 668.0  |
|          | Change  | 34.8  | 27.3  | 19.6  | 19.6  | 55.6    | 31%    |
| Medium   | Curr Wk | 15.7  | 42.3  | 14.5  | 24.0  | 44.2    | 140.7  |
|          | Change  | -5.5  | 6.6   | -1.9  | 2.2   | 11.7    | 11%    |
| Small    | Curr Wk | 2.3   | 7.3   | 2.3   | 3.8   | 5.8     | 21.5   |
|          | Change  | -3.2  | 2.4   | 0.8   | -0.8  | 1.2     | 2%     |
| Misc     | Curr Wk | 5.0   | 23.7  | 8.9   | 11.8  | 4.9     | 54.3   |
|          | Change  | 0.4   | 1.0   | 1.3   | -1.1  | -0.7    | 1%     |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 20.7  | 52.1  | 25.3  | 39.2  | 35.1    | 172.4  |
|          | Change  | -6.0  | 6.9   | 6.1   | -2.2  | 2.5     | 4%     |
| Total    | Curr Wk | 182.4 | 361.0 | 191.8 | 264.9 | 310.3   | 1310.4 |
| Percent  | Change  | 18%   | 20%   | 15%   | 8%    | 34%     | 19%    |

| TOTAL                       | Number of<br>Cases | Percent<br>Change | Number of<br>Cooperators |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Shell Egg                   | 1310.4             | 19%               | 170                      |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/ | 223.6              | 3%                | 35                       |
| Total Shell Egg             | 1534.0             | 16%               | 205                      |

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 MARCH 08, 2004

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|         | 193    | 190   | 181    | 116.2 |

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 08, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|         | 149    | 149   | 139    | 77    |

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 19, 2004

| CURRENT LOADS |       |     |        |        |        |       | 10.75 |         |     | FUTURE LOADS |     |     |       | 10.50 |        | TOTAL LOADS |  |  |  | 21.25 |  |
|---------------|-------|-----|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|---------|-----|--------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|--------|-------------|--|--|--|-------|--|
| SE            |       | NE  |        | MW     |        | LOADS | SC    |         | NW  |              | SW  |     | LOADS |       |        |             |  |  |  |       |  |
| CLASS         | ORG   | DST | ORG    | DST    | ORG    | DST   | LOADS | CLASS   | ORG | DST          | ORG | DST | ORG   | DST   | LOADS  |             |  |  |  |       |  |
| GNR W 1       | 97.00 | —   | 98.50  | 99.50  | —      | —     | 2.00  | GL W XL | —   | —            | —   | —   | —     | —     | 110.00 | 2.25        |  |  |  |       |  |
| GNR BR 1      | —     | —   | —      | —      | —      | —     | 1.00  | GL W LG | —   | —            | —   | —   | —     | —     | 108.00 | 2.75        |  |  |  |       |  |
| GL W XL       | —     | —   | 112.00 | 113.50 | 103.33 | —     | 9.25  | GL W MD | —   | —            | —   | —   | —     | —     | —      | .50         |  |  |  |       |  |
| GL W LG       | —     | —   | —      | —      | 98.00  | —     | 3.75  |         |     |              |     |     |       |       |        |             |  |  |  |       |  |
| GL W MD       | —     | —   | —      | —      | 83.00  | 86.00 | 2.50  |         |     |              |     |     |       |       |        |             |  |  |  |       |  |
| NRBS - 50     | —     | —   | —      | 92.00  | —      | —     | .25   |         |     |              |     |     |       |       |        |             |  |  |  |       |  |
| NRBS - 48     | —     | —   | —      | 93.00  | —      | —     | .50   |         |     |              |     |     |       |       |        |             |  |  |  |       |  |
| NRBS - 36     | —     | —   | —      | —      | 59.00  | 61.25 | 2.00  |         |     |              |     |     |       |       |        |             |  |  |  |       |  |

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/15/04-03/19/04

| CURRENT LOADS |       |        |        |        |        |        | 51.75 |           |        | FUTURE LOADS |     |        |       | 39.50 |        | TOTAL LOADS |  |  |  | 91.25 |  |
|---------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|--------|--------------|-----|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------------|--|--|--|-------|--|
| SE            |       | NE     |        | MW     |        | LOADS  | SC    |           | NW     |              | MW  |        | LOADS |       |        |             |  |  |  |       |  |
| CLASS         | ORG   | DST    | ORG    | DST    | ORG    | DST    | LOADS | CLASS     | ORG    | DST          | ORG | DST    | ORG   | DST   | LOADS  |             |  |  |  |       |  |
| GNR W 1       | 98.20 | 107.12 | 99.17  | 100.33 | 100.00 | 103.00 | 34.00 | GNR W 1   | 100.00 | 106.50       | —   | —      | —     | —     | 114.50 | 11.00       |  |  |  |       |  |
| GNR W 2       | —     | 108.00 | —      | —      | —      | —      | 1.00  | GNR BR 1  | —      | 98.00        | —   | —      | —     | —     | —      | 1.00        |  |  |  |       |  |
| GNR W 4       | —     | —      | —      | 83.00  | 78.00  | —      | 1.00  | GL W J    | 104.08 | —            | —   | —      | —     | —     | 110.00 | 4.25        |  |  |  |       |  |
| GNR BR 1      | —     | —      | —      | —      | —      | —      | 2.00  | GL W XL   | —      | —            | —   | 126.00 | —     | —     | 112.80 | 7.75        |  |  |  |       |  |
| GL W J        | —     | —      | —      | —      | 99.00  | —      | 1.00  | GL W LG   | —      | 113.00       | —   | 127.89 | —     | —     | 123.97 | 22.50       |  |  |  |       |  |
| GL W XL       | —     | 122.75 | 109.70 | 113.50 | 108.56 | —      | 32.25 | GL W MD   | 94.00  | 98.00        | —   | —      | —     | —     | 103.50 | 7.00        |  |  |  |       |  |
| GL W LG       | —     | 119.49 | 109.83 | 111.50 | 117.91 | 114.00 | 42.75 | NRBS - 50 | —      | 94.00        | —   | —      | —     | —     | —      | 2.00        |  |  |  |       |  |
| GL W MD       | —     | —      | 92.00  | 95.33  | 89.77  | 89.83  | 14.00 |           |        |              |     |        |       |       |        |             |  |  |  |       |  |
| GL W SM       | —     | —      | 61.50  | 63.00  | —      | —      | 1.00  |           |        |              |     |        |       |       |        |             |  |  |  |       |  |
| GL BR LG      | —     | —      | —      | —      | —      | 113.00 | .75   |           |        |              |     |        |       |       |        |             |  |  |  |       |  |
| NRBS - 50     | —     | —      | —      | 92.00  | —      | —      | 1.25  |           |        |              |     |        |       |       |        |             |  |  |  |       |  |
| NRBS - 48     | —     | —      | —      | 92.75  | —      | 94.67  | 2.50  |           |        |              |     |        |       |       |        |             |  |  |  |       |  |
| NRBS - 42     | —     | —      | —      | —      | 79.50  | 81.00  | 1.00  |           |        |              |     |        |       |       |        |             |  |  |  |       |  |
| NRBS - 36     | —     | —      | —      | —      | 59.00  | 61.25  | 2.00  |           |        |              |     |        |       |       |        |             |  |  |  |       |  |

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       | 03/15/04 | 03/08/04 | 03/17/03 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 197      | 257      | 268      |
| LOS ANGELES   | 129      | 187      | 212      |

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

UNAVAILABLE

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on all sizes entering the week. The supply is tight. Retail demand is moderate to good. 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 | 140.63 |
| LARGE       | 138.63 |
| MEDIUM      | 121.63 |
| SMALL       | 85.00  |

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

| Brown Eggs       | CENTS/CARTON | MOSTLY    |
|------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Extra Large doz. | 210 – 250    | 222 – 240 |
| 1/2 doz.         | 123 – 151    | 125 – 134 |
| Large doz.       | 200 – 250    | 217 – 225 |
| 1/2 doz.         | 120 – 142    | 128 – 132 |

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 03/18/2004

Report Period: 02/22/2004 - 02/28/2004

| State                         | # Cases                   | # Cases                  | # Cases                   | Total State    |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|                               | Shipped to Northern Calif | Shipped to Central Calif | shipped to Southern Calif |                |
| Arizona                       | 0                         | 0                        | 5,656                     | 5,656          |
| Colorado                      | 0                         | 0                        | 8,002                     | 8,002          |
| Indiana                       | 0                         | 0                        | 780                       | 780            |
| Iowa                          | 7,956                     | 2,778                    | 44,021                    | 54,755         |
| Maine                         | 0                         | 0                        | 950                       | 950            |
| Michigan                      | 0                         | 0                        | 3,681                     | 3,681          |
| Minnesota                     | 3,785                     | 0                        | 12,746                    | 16,531         |
| Missouri                      | 0                         | 0                        | 1,950                     | 1,950          |
| Montana                       | 0                         | 0                        | 608                       | 608            |
| Nevada                        | 0                         | 0                        | 728                       | 728            |
| New York                      | 0                         | 0                        | 900                       | 900            |
| North Carolina                | 0                         | 0                        | 1,272                     | 1,272          |
| Oregon                        | 2,486                     | 1,326                    | 0                         | 3,812          |
| South Dakota                  | 0                         | 0                        | 832                       | 832            |
| Texas                         | 0                         | 0                        | 2,320                     | 2,320          |
| Utah                          | 2,552                     | 0                        | 8,069                     | 10,621         |
| Washington                    | 0                         | 120                      | 1,300                     | 1,420          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>16,779</b>             | <b>4,224</b>             | <b>93,815</b>             | <b>114,818</b> |
| <b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>    | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b> | <b>16,779</b>             | <b>4,224</b>             | <b>93,815</b>             | <b>114,818</b> |

**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 03/18/2004

Report Period: 02/29/2004 - 03/06/2004

| State                         | # Cases                   | # Cases                  | # Cases                   | Total State    |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|                               | Shipped to Northern Calif | Shipped to Central Calif | shipped to Southern Calif |                |
| Arizona                       | 0                         | 0                        | 2,132                     | 2,132          |
| Arkansas                      | 0                         | 0                        | 600                       | 600            |
| Colorado                      | 0                         | 0                        | 2,473                     | 2,473          |
| Iowa                          | 7,770                     | 9,270                    | 48,892                    | 65,932         |
| Maine                         | 0                         | 0                        | 850                       | 850            |
| Michigan                      | 0                         | 0                        | 6,194                     | 6,194          |
| Minnesota                     | 3,985                     | 0                        | 8,253                     | 12,238         |
| Mississippi                   | 0                         | 0                        | 840                       | 840            |
| Missouri                      | 0                         | 0                        | 8,473                     | 8,473          |
| New Hampshire                 | 0                         | 0                        | 860                       | 860            |
| North Carolina                | 0                         | 0                        | 780                       | 780            |
| Ohio                          | 0                         | 0                        | 820                       | 820            |
| Oregon                        | 2,169                     | 250                      | 0                         | 2,419          |
| South Dakota                  | 0                         | 0                        | 501                       | 501            |
| Texas                         | 0                         | 0                        | 1,580                     | 1,580          |
| Utah                          | 0                         | 775                      | 7,286                     | 8,061          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>13,924</b>             | <b>10,295</b>            | <b>90,534</b>             | <b>114,753</b> |
| <b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>    | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b> | <b>13,924</b>             | <b>10,295</b>            | <b>90,534</b>             | <b>114,753</b> |

**CHICKEN AND EGGS****February Egg Production Up 3 Percent**

U.S. egg production totaled 6.89 billion during February 2004, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 5.89 billion table eggs, and 1.00 billion hatching eggs, of which 948 million were broiler-type and 54.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2004 averaged 339 million, down slightly from a year earlier. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,033 eggs, up 4 percent from February 2003.

February 2004 contained 29 days due to the leap year. Both February 2004 and February 2003 contained 20 weekdays, 1 holiday, and 4 Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2004, totaled 340 million, down slightly from a year ago. The 340 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.44 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2004, averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.44 billion eggs during February 2004, up 3 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during February, at 316 million, was down 1 percent from a year ago.