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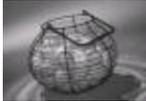
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Thursday's values. The market tone was mostly steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to instances good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings ranged limited to short of full needs for a light to very good demand. Schedules were noted as normal to reduced for next week. Spent hens were at least sufficient for the fair to fairly good demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to moderate best to ongoing or planned feature activity. Loose egg sales were mostly light. Supplies were adequate and building at most locations.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	66-75	69-72				
LARGE	65-74	67-70			47-56	51
MEDIUM	42-51	44-47			24-30	28
					7-11	

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment remained steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings from regular suppliers were limited for the moderate demand. Schedules were noted as normal to reduced. Spent hens were at least adequate for the fair to fairly good demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-86	75-79
LARGE	68-82	73-77
MEDIUM	44-57	49-51

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 steady. Retail demand moderate to instances good, best where features are scheduled. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock and checks and undergrades prices were higher. Offers tight to short of needs. Best demand where off-line operators were challenged by current retail demand and confident sellers. Finished product demand moderate to fairly good. Schedules mixed for next week. Trade sentiment fully steady to generally firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72.5-80	74-77
LARGE	71.5-80	73-76
MEDIUM	46.5-55	48-51

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week deliveries were trending unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings remained limited for the moderate demand. Light type hens were at least adequate for the fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74.5-82	76-79
LARGE	72-80	74-77
MEDIUM	46-55	48-52

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 remained unchanged on all sizes when compared to Thursday's values. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was reported as mostly moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	82-86
LARGE	80-84
MEDIUM	56-60

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73-81	74-76
LARGE	71-79	72-74
MEDIUM	48-56	49-51

## WESTERN REGIONAL

Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices for next week unchanged throughout the region. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

## CALIFORNIA

Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand light to moderate, best where features ran. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 69.

## CALIFORNIA

Shell egg marketer's 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	122
EXTRA LARGE	118
LARGE	112
MEDIUM	89

## 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	103-111
EXTRA LARGE	101-105
LARGE	99-102
MEDIUM	76-79

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	269-329
EXTRA LARGE	249-309
LARGE	199-259
MEDIUM	189-239

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** All prices were higher. Demand was in a full range of light to very good and best into areas where off-line operators were challenged by current retail demand and confident shell egg sellers. Offerings were tight to short of needs. Floor stocks tight to in close balance. Schedules mixed for next week. Trade sentiment fully steady to mostly 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	34-36	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-24	20-22
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 unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was moderate with traders closely watching other market areas. Offerings were limited and usually from regular suppliers. Good quality eggs were still being diverted into grading channels. Floor stocks were about adequate to adequate for normal to less than normal breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 18-Mar-2006 were 7% less than last week, and 12% lower than a year ago. 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	26-31	27-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-21	15-18
EASTERN STATES 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 18-Mar-2006 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED			
							CW	PW	LY
CW	1,202,933	30,660	10,727	5,818	2,325	4,029			
PW	1,237,397	31,140	10,861	5,643	2,400	4,113			
LY	1,293,097	31,080	12,494	6,679	2,237	4,507			
% PW	-3%	-2%	-1%	3%	-3%	-2%			
% LY	-7%	-1%	-14%	-13%	4%	-11%			
2006	13,936,026	342,321	130,588	71,562	32,767	47,547			
2005	13,681,465	328,697	132,465	70,653	30,350	48,169			
% YTD	2%	4%	-1%	1%	8%	-1%			
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)							42.59	41.83	42.35
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)							39.24	38.50	38.86

**IN-LINE PRODUCTION** (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	585,507	48.7%	16,632	54.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	569,857	46.1%	15,989	51.3%
LAST YEAR	512,482	39.6%	13,867	44.6%

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 1 cent higher on whole, 2 cents higher on whites, and unchanged on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/18 was 22% less than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE
WHOLE	47-51
WHITES	45-48
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with whites unchanged. Sugared and salted yolk ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg and whites and mostly steady for sugared and salted yolk. Offerings were adequate for current needs. Demand was fairly good to good for whole egg and whites and mostly fair for sugared and salted yolk. Central States breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	41-44	41-43
WHITES	39-45	39-41
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-57	53-55
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-53	51-53

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on sugar yolks, unchanged on salt yolks and whole, and unchanged to higher on whites when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was light with offerings usually adequate for current needs. Trade sentiment was barely steady on yolks, balance of items were mostly steady with whites showing some additional improvement. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 18-Mar-2006 were 11% more than last week, and 2% higher than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	
WHOLE	36-45	36-43	46-52
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		53-74
WHITES	36-45	37-41	44-56
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-57	52-56	60-69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-55	50-53	56-67

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on blends, unchanged on yolks, unchanged to higher on albumen and whole eggs when compared to a week earlier. Demand and movement was light to moderate with offerings usually adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was no better than steady on yolks, steady on whole and generally steady to fully steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 18-Mar-2006 were 3% lower than the previous week, but 4% more than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 8% higher than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	1.32-1.58	MOSTLY	1.39-1.45
YOLKS	1.25-1.53	MOSTLY	1.30-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.60-2.95	MOSTLY	2.70-2.90
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.40	MOSTLY	1.25-1.35

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 33 to 35 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 37 cents fob. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for whole egg, firm for whites, and steady to barely steady for yolk. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for whole egg and yolk and tight to barely adequate for whites. Demand was fair for whole egg, good for whites, and mostly light to instances moderate for yolk. Central States breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the past week's reported prices.

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

CLASS LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LW
WHOLE 28	25-28	26.70	1.26
WHITES 18	28-33	31.24	2.19
YOLKS 12	34-35	34.42	-.14

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 17, 2006-MAR 23, 2006

CURRENT LOADS 87.75								FUTURE LOADS 80.00			TOTAL LOADS 167.75				
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	50.75	61.00	51.17	53.88	—	46.75	35.00	GNR W 1	—	61.11	—	72.00	—	—	18.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	GNR W 2	—	49.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR BR 1	86.00	—	—	92.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	54.67	—	—	—	—	64.22	7.75
GL W J	—	—	67.00	68.50	50.89	—	8.50	GL W XL	47.39	57.00	—	—	—	58.33	11.75
GL W XL	—	70.00	62.38	63.92	49.04	52.00	36.00	GL W LG	45.75	64.86	—	71.79	—	58.67	28.50
GL W LG	—	65.20	—	66.50	45.63	49.50	34.00	GL W MD	32.00	36.00	—	—	—	42.14	11.25
GL W MD	44.00	43.00	37.50	39.00	30.83	38.00	15.75	NRBS - 48	27.00	—	—	—	—	—	18.00
GL W SM	23.50	26.50	23.17	25.33	—	—	5.00	NRBS - 36	—	20.63	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	27.00	—	—	—	—	34.88	52.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	33.00	8.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	32.75	10.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	13.00	—	1.00								

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. 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** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate for current needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-11	9-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Values of spent light hens were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal prices remain unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate with demand moderate to fairly good. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	2-10	5-9

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules light. Offerings light.

**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	77.00	75.00	50.00
SOUTHEAST	77.50	75.50	50.00
MIDWEST	70.50	68.50	45.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	78.50	77.50	52.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	75.98	74.25	49.62

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; generally unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of light canners were more than sufficient for the light and unaggressive demand; heavy canners supplies were mostly being used internally with demand generally fair. Offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST	
<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 23-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 18-Mar-06**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,001	1,441	2,442
Last Week	977	1,580	2,557
Same week yr ago	1,385	1,402	2,787
To-date/2006	13,515	15,657	29,172
To-date/2005	15,920	14,321	30,241

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	249	0	249
Last Week	171	0	171
Same week yr ago	218	0	218
To-date/2006	2,869	7	2,876
To-date/2005	3,350	11	3,361

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,250	1,441	2,691
Last Week	1,148	1,580	2,728
Same week yr ago	1,603	1,402	3,005
To-date/2006	16,384	15,664	32,048
To-date/2005	19,270	14,332	33,602

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

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

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending March 11, 2006	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	155	310	1,931	2,539
Frozen	0	0	40	0
Dried	0	0	120	61
Total	155	310	2,091	2,600

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

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending March 11, 2006	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	81	202	541	2,106
Frozen	7	44	189	255
Dried	0	0	41	300
Total	88	246	771	2,661

**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 March 11, 2006	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Jumbo	0	33	150	33
Extra Large	1,530	2,990	10,410	48,200
Large	1,520	6,680	13,105	110,784
Medium	2,370	1,590	12,905	11,025
Ungraded	0	240	3,950	2,492
Misc	0	0	810	3,013
Total	5,420	11,533	41,330	175,547

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 03/20/06	3,464	75,458	63,427
AM 03/01/06	3,338	69,688	69,000
CHG	126	5770	-5573
PCT CHG	4%	8%	-8%

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT**

	(In Units of 1,000)			
	JAN 2005	JAN 2006	FEB 2005	FEB 2006
<b>FROZEN EGGS:</b>				
Whites	2,843	2,839	2,903	2,963
Yolks	954	1,524	719	1,601
Whole & Mixed	11,600	14,452	11,552	16,387
Unclassified	3,180	3,734	2,691	3,233
Total Frozen Eggs	18,577	22,549	17,865	24,184

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

W/E 18-MAR-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	(Receipts From Producers) PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	214.4	2	2
East North Central	615.4	-1	-4
West North Central	292.4	38	-5
South Atlantic	196.3	2	-8
South Central	64.8	-5	-7
West	196.7	4	-14
Total	1580.0	6	-5
Matched Plants reporting		84	84

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,NC,DE)  
 East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)  
 South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)  
 West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	W/E 18-MAR-2006 PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	27.3	29.1	-6	-12
Boston	3.2	3.2	0	-30
Chicago	82.2	76.7	7	-19
Detroit	23.1	23.1	0	-18
Kansas City	3.8	3.7	3	-51
Los Angeles	113.2	108.1	5	16
New Orleans	5.5	9.9	-44	-35
New York	33.7	32.0	5	-3
St. Louis	13.6	26.7	-49	-43
San Francisco	18.7	18.5	1	-18
Total	324.3	331.0	-2	-10
4 Week Moving Avg.	327.7			

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

Mar 21, 2006

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
<b>MAINE</b>	111	108	70	50
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	99-103	101-105	59-63	43-47
MOSTLY	101-102	103-104	61-62	45-46
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	114-118	111-115	73-77	53-57
MOSTLY	118	115	77	57
<b>VERMONT</b>	111	108-109	70-75	-
MOSTLY	-	108	70	-

**CHICKENS AND EGGS****February Egg Production Up 1 Percent**

U.S. egg production totaled 6.97 billion during February 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 5.99 billion table eggs, and 989 million hatching eggs, of which 927 million were broiler-type and 62 million were egg-type. The number of layers during February 2006 averaged 350 million, up slightly from a year earlier. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,995 eggs, also up slightly from February 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2006, totaled 350 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 350 million layers consisted of 291 million layers producing table-type eggs, 56 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.91 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2006, averaged 71.6 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from March 1, 2005.

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