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Prices were unchanged on all sizes in all locations. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Supplies were sufficient to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were at least adequate for the fair to occasionally fairly good demand.

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. Retail demand was moderate to very good in areas with planned and on-going feature activity. Food service movement was mostly light. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the moderate demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full time to part time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers
EXTRA LARGE	66-75	69-72	
LARGE	65-74	67-70	
MEDIUM	42-51	44-47	
			RANGE MOSTLY
			LARGE 47-56 51
			MEDIUM 24-30 28
			SMALL 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 on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to at times good. Supplies were fully adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

	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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand moderate to very good where features were running. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the moderate demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full time to reduced. Trade sentiment barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	75.5-84	77-80
LARGE	74.5-83	76-79
MEDIUM	49.5-58	51-54

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all weights when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Retail demand was moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate for the moderate to light demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient for a moderate to occasionally fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74.5-82	76-79
LARGE	73-80	74-77
MEDIUM	47.5-55	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 Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets was mostly moderate to instances good. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current trade requirements.

	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

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 11% higher than last Monday with California up 14% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 6%. Retailer demand improved. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 14% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand improved for Easter. Offerings and floor stocks ample. Small benchmark price 69.

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

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	NOT AVAILABLE
EXTRA LARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	NOT AVAILABLE

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 07, 2006 will increase by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 31, 2006 were 342,482 cases which was 1 percent above the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	300,319	42,163	342,482
% change from the prior week.....	+3	-7	+1

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate with demand moderate and bids noted at lower prices. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

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	34-35	34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-24	20-22
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged from a week earlier. However, the undertone was barely steady. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were about normal.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-APR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.39
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally fair to moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. The undertone was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-APR-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-15.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.57
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESAL E PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2006

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.17
MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.				
GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- APRIL 03, 2006

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.9	29.9	11.1	15.4	17.3	86.6
	Change	-0.1	2.7	0.9	1.2	1.0	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	37.9	61.7	13.7	28.1	51.0	192.4
	Change	0.8	1.0	-0.3	-4.0	4.0	1%
Large	Curr Wk	56.9	193.2	130.7	140.6	186.8	708.2
	Change	-3.8	-18.2	24.4	1.1	25.5	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.9	42.8	15.3	21.6	37.0	126.6
	Change	-4.5	1.4	-3.1	1.6	0.0	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	6.4	7.1	2.0	3.8	11.6	30.9
	Change	-0.7	-1.8	-0.5	-1.6	4.3	-1%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.4	29.1	8.2	14.2	4.3	58.2
	Change	-0.1	4.2	-0.3	2.6	-1.2	10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	25.6	61.8	24.9	37.6	34.8	184.7
	Change	-1.5	1.2	-4.3	-1.6	0.5	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	152.0	425.6	205.9	261.3	342.8	1387.6
Percent	Change	-6%	-2%	9%	0%	11%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1387.6	2%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	256.3	7%	35
Total Shell Egg	1643.9	3%	202

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 167 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.

This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and 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.

Shell Egg Inventory Prior to Easter

	Easter Date			
	2006	2005	2004	2003
	4/16	3/27	4/11	4/20
Mar 20, 2006 4 weeks prior	1229.8	1236.2	1100.6	1162.1
Mar 27, 2006 3 weeks prior	1356.8	1298.5	1310.4	1275.9
Apr 03, 2006 2 weeks prior	1387.6	1329.2	1489.3	1286.0
Apr 10, 2006 1 week prior		1075.0	1243.4	933.2
Apr 17, 2006 first Mon after		847.6	843.8	676.5

(A graph of this data in pdf format can be accessed on the AMS

Poultry Market News website at:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/poultry/mncs/stats.htm>

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 31, 2006

CURRENT LOADS			19.25		FUTURE LOADS			21.75		TOTAL LOADS			41.00		
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	—	—	52.00	53.00	—	—	7.00	GL W J	52.50	—	—	—	—	64.50	2.00
GL W J	—	—	67.00	69.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	58.50	—	58.00	3.00
GL W XL	—	52.00	63.50	60.00	46.13	45.50	10.25	GL W MD	31.50	—	—	43.00	—	36.50	2.00
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	33.00	.25
GL W SM	23.25	26.25	—	—	17.00	—	1.25								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	44.00	15.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/27/06-03/31/06

CURRENT LOADS			79.25		FUTURE LOADS			105.75		TOTAL LOADS			185.00		
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	51.00	60.00	52.00	53.29	56.00	—	32.00	GNR W 1	—	63.00	—	—	—	—	8.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	67.00	69.00	48.67	—	4.50	GL W J	52.20	—	55.00	—	—	63.83	9.25
GL W XL	—	56.00	59.11	61.42	44.69	46.00	38.00	GL W XL	47.00	52.00	—	58.50	—	57.77	12.25
GL W LG	—	—	58.50	64.50	48.98	49.00	27.75	GL W LG	54.00	53.33	—	75.39	—	66.04	25.00
GL W MD	44.00	—	36.50	37.50	31.47	—	20.25	GL W MD	34.00	—	36.00	44.58	—	41.16	16.75
GL W SM	24.13	27.13	23.60	25.59	17.00	—	6.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	21.00	26.60	1.25
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	57.75	—	1.75	GL BR LG	—	—	—	72.00	—	49.00	1.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	33.88	36.19	96.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	34.00	5.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	36.25	4.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	5.00								

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	03/27/06	03/20/06	03/28/05
PACIFIC COAST	73	79	320
LOS ANGELES	73	73	311

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair.

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	92.86
LARGE	90.86
MEDIUM	65.86
SMALL	48.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 142	125 - 128

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