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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady with asking prices unchanged to lower for next week's trading. Demand had improved and ranged moderate to good, best where featured and for upcoming holiday and first of month shopping needs. Movement was also good into resort areas. Supplies were tight on jumbo and extra large, and adequate to available on other sizes. Offerings to breaking plants continued to be at least adequate to ample and prices were unchanged. Many breakers planned to run full schedules despite the holiday to work down inventories. Light type hens were also ample for reduced holiday schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was fairly good to good, best where featured and into resort areas. Supplies were tight for jumbos and closely balanced to available on the remainder of sizes. Breaking stock supplies from regular sources were ample for the very light demand and the undertone was barely steady. Offerings of light type hens were ample to burdensome for reduced slaughter schedules.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand into all outlets was fairly good to good and occasionally better where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate and jumbos were tight.

**MIDWEST** Prices were unchanged compared to Tuesday. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was in a full range, light to good and best into features. Retail and distributive movement was moderate to good and continued best into resort areas. Supplies were adequate to usually fully adequate with the larger sizes in better balance with current needs. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged compared to Tuesday. Offerings were at least adequate to ample for current needs. Trading and demand was slow. Many breakers assessing current inventories and finding it necessary to work through the upcoming Independence Day holiday. Floor stocks at least adequate. Trade sentiment about steady, instances cautious.

**CHICAGO** Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate and best where features were a factor. Supplies fully adequate, except jumbos tight.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged. The market tone remained about steady with asking prices unchanged to instances lower for next week's deliveries. Cartoned demand had improved and was moderate to good, better where retailers anticipated increased store traffic this weekend for first of month and holiday shopping. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Offerings of surplus eggs to breaking plants continued ample; however, interest was light and unaggressive. Light type fowl processing plants were again full for next week's slaughter schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate overall.

### PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	81-83	71-73	55-57
New York	48-50	45-48	36-39
Philadelphia	46-50.5	44-48.5	35-37

#### SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	37-38	35.5-37	28-29
Jackson (1)	49-50	44-45	37-38
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	46-58	42-56	35-49

#### MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	37-42	36-41	27-32
Detroit (2)	34-37	33-36	23-26
Major Ohio Cities (2)	35-41.5	34-40	24-29
Major Wisconsin Cities	38-46	36-43	27-34

#### WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	53-54	50-51	42-43
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	59-71	55-62	45-51
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	75	65	55

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(4) - Sales To Retailers

**CALIFORNIA** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Asking prices for next week were unchanged. Retailer demand was fairly good. Supplies generally adequate. Small invoice price 35. Ads noted in Southern California in dozens: jumbo 89, extra large 79

large 59, 79 and 99, medium 2 for 1.00 and 20 count overwrap 77. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	90
EXTRA LARGE	75
LARGE	65
MEDIUM	55

**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	77-87
EXTRA LARGE	59-71
LARGE	55-62
MEDIUM	45-51

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-205

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was light for the at least adequate to ample offerings. Many breakers assessing current inventories and finding it necessary to work through the upcoming Independence Day holiday. Floor stocks at least adequate. Trade sentiment about steady.  
 PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	20-22	21
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	7-9	8
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** All prices were unchanged, however, bids were noted at lower levels than stated ranges. The market tone was barely steady. Demand was very light as most breakers continued to receive ample supplies from regular sources. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending June 26, 1999 were 4% less than last week, and unchanged from the same week last year. Some breakers planned reduced holiday schedules.  
 PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	
NEST RUN	20-24	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	4-8	
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**

	WEEK ENDING 26-Jun-99		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)					
	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,198,974	28,402	11,302	6,404	2,962	3,633		
PW	1,214,325	28,620	11,239	6,102	2,700	3,653		
LY	1,122,309	25,001	11,227	5,993	2,875	3,595		
% PW	-1	-1	1	5	10	-1		
% LY	7	14	1	7	3	1		
1999	27,022,374	623,603	263,917	145,423	65,316	84,383		
1998	26,127,083	590,546	263,852	143,857	66,477	84,200		

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -**

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.49	40.86	40.82

**NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS**

Pasteurized whites reported at 29 cents FOB. Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 34 cents FOB.  
 Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM Friday 02 Jul, 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	27	18.5-24	20.46	-2.97
WHITES	15	20.5-27	25.47	-2.85
YOLKS	6	32.5-35.5	33.58	-7.02

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS** All prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand was light to moderate, and some buyers sought to secure product at current values to cover the fourth quarter. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending June 26, 1999 were 1% more than last week, and 3% more than the same week last year. Shell egg supplies were usually available.

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

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	37-42	40-41	43-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		50-65
WHITES	38-42	40-42	43-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	46-52	50-52	53-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	43-48	46-48	49-62
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS** Prices were lower for whole egg and salt yolk while prices for whites and sugar yolk were unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for whites and barely steady on the balance of products. Trading and demand was just fair as many buyers were taking a wait and see approach to the market. Nest run breaking stock supplies were at least adequate to ample with most breakers working full schedules into the upcoming holiday.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	37-40	37-38
WHITES	37-44	39-40
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	46-50	48-49
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-47	45-46

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS** Prices were 1 cent lower on wholes and whites, unchanged on both sugared and salted yolks. The Southern California breaking activity for the week ending June 26, 1999 was up 10 percent compared to the previous week. Supplies of breaking stock fully adequate overall. Frozen demand was generally moderate with freezer stock adequate.

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

LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	43-46
WHITES	42-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-56
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-53

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Whole egg and yolk prices trended lower, and the balance was unchanged. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand was seasonally light, and subsequently, many breakers continued to build product inventories when possible. Supplies were generally adequate to fully adequate. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending June 26, 1999 were 10% more than last week, and 3% more than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.40-1.65	MOSTLY 1.40-1.45
YOLKS	1.25-1.55	MOSTLY 1.30-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.20-3.55	MOSTLY 3.30-3.40
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.20-1.30	MOSTLY 1.20-1.25

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUNE 25 - JULY 1, 1999

CURRENT LOADS								98.75			FUTURE LOADS			26.75			TOTAL LOADS			125.50		
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST								
GNR W 1	23.00	25.30	22.63	25.00	25.00	26.00	32.00	GNR W 1	25.00	27.57	—	—	—	—	8.00							
GNR W 2	—	26.00	—	—	23.80	—	5.00	GNR W 2	—	27.75	—	—	—	—	4.00							
GNR W 3	14.50	18.67	17.00	19.00	16.50	17.88	11.00	GNR W 3	—	22.00	—	—	—	—	3.00							
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	14.75	16.25	2.00	GL W XL	24.93	25.33	—	—	—	33.71	7.75							
GNR BR 1	—	—	34.00	35.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	23.20	25.00	—	34.50	—	33.16	11.75							
GL W XL	27.00	28.00	31.00	31.97	27.30	29.50	13.50	GL W MD	—	22.00	—	—	—	26.14	4.50							
GL W LG	—	27.50	23.50	24.67	24.92	27.38	15.25	NRBS - 39	—	13.00	—	—	—	—	1.00							
GL W MD	18.67	20.25	16.43	19.12	17.00	—	17.00															
GL W SM	19.50	22.00	18.63	22.55	20.50	—	6.00															
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	22.00	23.00	5.50															
NRBS - 42	—	—	15.00	16.00	—	—	.25															
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	10.00	15.00	2.50															

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.

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged to lower as some producers are loading the hen on the truck just to get them out of the house. Demand was very light and unaggressive as offerings continue to be more than the plants requirements. However, most plants are on reduced holiday schedules for next week. Undertone unsettled to weak.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN**

Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for adequate offerings of light hens. Processing schedules were reduced for the holiday. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was weak.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate to ample for the light to moderate trading and demand. Schedules were reduced for next week due to the Independence Day holiday. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Offerings fully adequate. Plants worked desired schedules.

**LIVE HENS** Prices paid for Live Hens (trucklot) cents/pounds at farm

LIGHT HENS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	0 (1)	
Eastern	TFEWR (2)	
So. Central	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central	0-1 (2)	
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Prices were irregular. Demand continues to be light to fair, mostly light for the fully adequate offerings. The undertone was mixed, but steadier.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24.5-26.25 MAJORITY	25.5-26 33-40 MAJORITY
34-36.5	

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26.5-29 MAJORITY	26.5-27 33.75-40 MAJORITY
36-38	

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 26-Jun-99  
PRELIMINARY

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY (000'S)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,157	1,461	3,618
LAST WEEK	2,095	1,564	3,659
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,043	1,363	3,406
TO-DATE/1999	54,610	33,902	88,512
TO-DATE/1998	52,852	31,856	84,708

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	537	0	537
LAST WEEK	549	0	549
SAME WEEK YR AGO	630	0	630
TO-DATE/1999	12,540	150	12,690
TO-DATE/1998	14,386	204	14,590

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,694	1,461	4,155
LAST WEEK	2,644	1,564	4,208
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,673	1,363	4,036
TO-DATE/1999	67,150	34,052	101,202
TO-DATE/1998	67,238	32,060	99,298

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Jul-99  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A  
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED  
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	48.82	46.44	37.14
SOUTHERN	44.52	42.24	34.86
MIDWEST	38.51	37.28	27.65
WESTERN	67.09	59.79	49.78
TWELVE METRO AREAS	52.68	48.78	39.24

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending June 19, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	486	152	6,977	6,388
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	4	276	314
Total	486	156	7,259	6,752

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

Type	Week Ending June 19, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	127	127	2,172	2,069
Frozen	25	0	128	126
Dried	68	0	128	225
Total	220	127	2,428	2,420

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

	Week Ending June 19, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	52	54	534	661
Extra Large	600	1,368	14,443	19,138
Large	6,644	3,285	56,385	51,093
Medium	1,985	1,463	24,784	28,256
Ungraded	6,090	0	196,169	103,935
Misc	0	750	3,348	2,560
Total	15,371	6,920	295,663	205,643

/1 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.

**DETROIT** PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE.

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
42-45	33-39	31-36	21-26	20-24

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
17-19	9-11	7-9

**NEW ENGLAND** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
107-110	62-65	52-55	36-39	16-19

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 28-Jun-99	2,959	187,819	95,899
AM 1-June-99	3,522	175,271	100,767
CHG	-563	12548	-4868
PCT CHG	-16	7	-5

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 26-Jun-99****SELECTED**

CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PERCENT CHG	
	CW	PW	PW	LY
ATLANTA	28.1	27.5	2	-20
BOSTON	5.4	5.5	-2	-56
CHICAGO	44.5	43.0	3	-4
DETROIT	32.2	29.6	9	24
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	85.5	79.6	7	7
NEW ORLEANS	12.4	11.9	4	22
NEW YORK	41.0	38.6	6	0
ST. LOUIS	13.1	10.7	22	58
SAN FRANCISCO	19.4	20.0	-3	10
TOTAL	281.7	266.5	6	2
4 WK MVG AVG	274.9			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 26-Jun-99 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)**

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	240.6	0	1
E.N. CENTRAL	465.6	0	8
W.N. CENTRAL	227.2	2	8
S. ATLANTIC	195.0	1	-3
S. CENTRAL	77.6	-4	4
WEST	217.5	4	3
TOTAL	1423.5	1	4

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**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR. 6/29/99**

	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	95	85	69	49
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	89-93	79-83	63-67	43-47
MOSTLY	91-92	81-82	65-66	45-46
RHODE ISLAND	91-95	81-85	65-69	45-49
MOSTLY	91	81	65	45
VERMONT	95-98	88-89	70-72	-
MOSTLY	98	88	72	-

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