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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged to sharply higher on all sizes throughout the country. The market tone ranged steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Demand was mixed in the North Central region, light to good; elsewhere mostly moderate to good, and was usually best where feature activity was either planned or in progress. Supplies of the larger eggs ranged occasionally adequate to short, and the extra large and jumbo eggs were in the tightest supplies. The medium and smaller eggs were mostly adequate to available. High temperatures continued to be problematic for producers, often resulting in smaller eggs and bird loss. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources, and additional trading usually centered around light weight and undergrade eggs. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, extra large and large were unchanged to 13 cents higher and mediums were unchanged to 2.5 cents higher. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 13 cents higher for extra large, unchanged to 12 cents higher for large, and unchanged to 4 cents higher for mediums. Prices were unchanged in New England. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were short for jumbos and extra large, tight for large, and available for the lighter sizes. Breaking stock supplies were generally adequate from regular sources and the undertone was fully steady. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for current trading needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Supplies were short for extra large, tight for large, and available for mediums.

MIDWEST Prices into Detroit and major Wisconsin and Ohio cities sharply higher on large and medium graded product, smalls unchanged to Detroit. Prices elsewhere unchanged. Trade sentiment ranged from steady to occasionally firm. Retail and food service demand ranged from light to moderate, best where specials are a factor stimulating consumer interest. Supplies were adequate to barely adequate on the larger sizes and adequate for the lighter weights. Normal tendencies for decreased production and sizes due to heat and humidity noted by most producers. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand continued light as offerings were adequate for processors. Currently, most breakers are satisfied with commitments and company owned production. Heavy nest run product continues to be in the tight position. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

CHICAGO Prices on all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand mostly moderate, and best where specials are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate to barely adequate on larger sizes and adequate on the lighter weights.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged to sharply higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was generally moderate to good entering the week. Supplies of the larger eggs were usually not as scarce as last week, however, availability remained limited. The medium and smaller sizes were at least adequate. Smaller egg sizes were often a result of the lingering high temperatures. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the weekending July 23, 1999, was 66.97 cents, 16.74 cents more than the week before, but 5.54 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources and the undertone was fully steady. Spent hen availability was fully adequate to ample for immediate slaughter needs.

WESTERN Prices 15 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large throughout the region; 10 cents higher on medium and small in California, 8 cents higher on medium in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 18% higher than last Monday with California up 27% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 5%. Retailer demand good to planned features, slow elsewhere. Offerings fully 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.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	117-119	105-107	60-62
New York	85-87	82-85	46-49
Philadelphia	78.5-85	76.5-83	42.5-46
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	75-76	73.5-75	38-39
Jackson (1)	88-89	82-83	45-46
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	85-95	79-93	45-59
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	73-78	72-77	37-42
Detroit (2)	70-73	69-72	33-36
Major Ohio Cities (2)	71-76	70-74	34-39
Major Wisconsin Cities	74-82	62-73	37-44
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	93-95	87-89	53-54
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	115	105	75
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices 15 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 10 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 27% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand good to cover planned features, slow otherwise. Small invoice price 55. Ads in Northern California: large dozen 99-139, 18 pack 99.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	127
EXTRA LARGE	115
LARGE	105
MEDIUM	75

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	229-289	JUMBO	199-295
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	189-245
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	169-229
MEDIUM	187-205	MEDIUM	119-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 30, 1999 will decrease by 11 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 23, 1999 were 270,846 cases which was 1 percent above the prior week and 10 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	228,086	42,760	270,846
% change from the prior week.....	-3	+26	+1

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices unchanged. Light trading and demand for the about adequate offerings. Most buyers satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Heavy nest run product remains tight. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment mostly 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	44-46	44-45
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	27-29	28

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 REPORT Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand continued to be light to moderate for fully adequate to ample offerings. Undertone was mixed but mostly steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-JUL-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19	16-17	15.38
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 REPORT Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were mixed, usually no better than moderate for fully adequate production schedules. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-JUL-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	10-19.5	15-16	15.49

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM July 26, 1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	3.8	5.1	3.5	6.2	6.9 25.5
	Change	0.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.4	1.5 5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.0	14.1	7.5	13.7	15.3 68.6
	Change	3.6	1.2	1.7	-0.1	4.6 19%
Large	Curr Wk	35.4	38.9	38.2	43.3	58.9 214.7
	Change	10.3	4.9	5.9	3.9	10.2 20%
Medium	Curr Wk	20.7	37.3	16.8	30.9	25.1 130.8
	Change	0.4	5.8	-1.2	5.5	1.9 10%
Small	Curr Wk	8.9	6.2	5.0	9.9	7.5 37.5
	Change	1.3	-1.9	0.0	0.6	-1.0 -3%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.5	15.6	9.0	8.7	6.2 45.0
	Change	0.8	3.4	-0.4	-2.4	0.7 5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.2	50.1	15.9	26.5	48.5 162.2
	Change	2.9	1.2	5.8	3.6	8.3 16%
Total	Curr Wk	113.5	167.3	95.9	139.2	168.4 684.3
Percent	Change	21%	9%	14%	8%	18% 14%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	684.3	14%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	437.3	-6%	38
Total Shell Egg	1121.6	5%	205

1/Information is 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. 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 WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	161	157.9	148.9	107.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	125	125	115	75

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/23/99

CURRENT LOADS 22.25 FUTURE LOADS 13.00 TOTAL LOADS 35.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	62.50	64.00	—	—	8.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00
GNR W 2	—	—	61.00	63.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 2	63.00	65.50	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	45.50	47.00	41.40	43.20	6.00	GL W XL	72.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.50
GL W XL	—	—	—	78.38	72.00	—	3.00	GL W LG	—	77.00	—	73.50	—	—	2.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	66.63	—	3.00	GL W MD	30.00	—	—	—	—	37.50	1.50
GL W MD	—	—	28.86	30.14	—	—	1.75								
GL W SM	—	—	18.00	19.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	50.00	—	—	47.00	—	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	30.25	32.25	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.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/19/99 - 07/23/99

CURRENT LOADS 156.50 FUTURE LOADS 35.50 TOTAL LOADS 192.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	52.67	64.87	62.75	58.50	68.00	—	45.25	GNR W 1	—	66.91	—	—	—	—	21.00
GNR W 2	—	—	61.00	57.00	48.00	58.17	5.00	GNR W 2	63.00	65.50	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	41.50	50.00	45.50	47.00	40.44	40.14	13.00	GNR W 3	—	46.75	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	30.25	32.75	4.00	GL W XL	71.62	—	—	76.00	67.42	72.83	9.25
GNR BR 1	—	66.00	57.67	56.50	—	—	3.00	GL W LG	68.94	73.29	—	71.00	78.50	77.33	17.75
GL W XL	—	—	67.00	73.80	65.98	71.19	29.25	GL W MD	26.27	25.80	—	—	—	33.50	10.50
GL W LG	—	—	62.00	66.67	63.75	66.44	20.75	GL W SM	18.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	23.00	31.00	25.92	27.08	26.25	28.72	19.25								
GL W SM	18.00	21.25	18.25	19.63	18.15	20.44	10.25								
NRBS - 48	—	50.00	—	—	47.00	46.00	6.00								
NRBS - 42	—	36.00	—	—	32.50	33.50	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	31.00	—	30.25	32.25	3.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	12.00	13.00	—	—	.75								

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 07/11/99 - 07/17/99

Origin State	AZ	CO	IA	MI	MN	MO	OH	OR	UT
N. CA	-	903	2,225	-	-	-	-	2,589	790
C. CA	-	-	3,334	-	-	850	-	-	2,220
S. CA	875	3,634	6,992	1,777	2,271	2,050	2,710	-	3,670
TOTAL	875	4,537	12,551	1,777	2,271	2,900	2,710	4,809	4,460

N. CA TOTAL: 6,507 C. CA TOTAL: 6,404 S. CA TOTAL: 23,979 TOTAL STATE: 36,890
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NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
127-130	98-101	86-89	41-44	16-19

DETROIT EGGS

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

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
78-81	69-75	67-72	31-36	21-25

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
53-55	19-21	8-10

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
85.34	52.20	41.25

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	7/19/99	7/12/99	7/27/98
PACIFIC COAST	252	220	44
LOS ANGELES	224	213	44

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR July 20, 1999:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.43
LARGE	143-150	148.40
MEDIUM	124-139	133.46
SMALL	106-109	108.48

Receipts from the mainland: 7/11/99-7/17/99
30-dozen cases 2,216

Receipts from the mainland: 7/4/99-7/10/99
30-dozen cases 3,294

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