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In the Eastern region, prices were mixed on the larger sizes; unchanged to occasionally higher and instances lower. In the North Central and Western regions prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to weak; trade sentiment was unsettled. Demand was usually fair to no better than moderate, with best interest noted for the scattered feature activity. Supplies of the jumbo eggs remained tight to close. The extra large and large sizes were mostly adequate to available; although occasionally close. The medium and smaller sizes continued in the longest position. Egg quality and bird loss remained problematic for many producers throughout the country as extreme heat and humidity lingered. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate for the light demand, in addition, quality product was often noted as increasing in availability. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for current needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2.5 cents higher. In New England, extra large and large were two cents lower. Prices were unchanged in Boston. The market tone was unsettled and ranged about steady to weak. Demand was fair to good, mostly fair, and was best where items were featured. Supplies were close for jumbos, readily available for large, and available on the remainder of sizes. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the light demand. Spent hen availability was adequate to ample for slaughter requirements.

NEW YORK Prices were two cents lower for extra large and large, unchanged for mediums. The market tone was about steady to weak. Demand was mostly fair, best where featured. Supplies were available for extra large and large and adequate for mediums.

MIDWEST Prices unchanged currently in the Midwest. Trade sentiment mixed, steady to weak. Demand was moderate to slow, with the best attention centered around scattered retail features. Supplies for the larger sized graded product were in close balance with the smaller sizes adequate to available. Size loss and limited morality reported from the increased heat and humidity in the North Central region. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were lower over the weekend. Trading and demand was light on adequate offers. Attractive price levels are being seen for graded product as retail avenues are beginning to fill. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

CHICAGO Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment about steady. Demand into retail and distributive outlets moderate with scattered feature activity. Supplies adequate with jumbos and extra large in the closest position.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were unchanged to higher. Elsewhere, prices were lower on the extra large and large sizes. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was generally fair entering the week. Supplies of jumbo eggs were usually limited, however, the balance of sizes were adequate to fully adequate with medium eggs in the longest position. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending July 30, 1999, was 79.82 cents, 12.85 cents more than the week before, but .12 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate for the light demand. Spent hen availability was fully adequate to ample for immediate slaughter needs.

WESTERN Prices were unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 13% higher than last Monday with California up 16% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 9%. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings ample.

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	83-85	80-83	46-49
Philadelphia	81-85	79-83	45-46
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	76-77	74.5-76	38-39
Jackson (1)	89-90	83-84	47-48
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	86-96	80-94	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	74-81	72-79	37-44
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	94-96	88-90	53-54
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	115	105	75
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 16% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 55. No new ads noted in Northern California.

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	219-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	189-259
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	169-259
MEDIUM	169-205	MEDIUM	99-193

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 06, 1999 will decrease by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 30, 1999 were 246,122 cases which was 9 percent below the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	207,886	38,236	246,122
% change from the prior week.....	-9	-11	-9

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were lower. Offerings of additional product were adequate for the light trading and demand. Graded product starting to be shown at attractive levels as retail avenues begin to get sluggish. Floor stocks usually adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.
 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	38-41	39-40
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	24-26	25

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to occasionally moderate for fully adequate to ample offerings. Undertone was cautiously steady.
 HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-AUG-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-18.5	16-17	15.25
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 Prices were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was fair for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were moderate with current production at least adequate for sales needs. 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 02-AUG-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	10-18	14-16	15.46

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Aug 02,1999
 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
 (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	SO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	3.8	4.4	3.1	6.6	6.5	24.4
	Change	0.0	-0.7	-0.4	0.4	-0.4	-4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.3	15.8	8.1	16.4	16.1	79.7
	Change	5.3	1.7	0.6	2.7	0.8	16%
Large	Curr Wk	40.6	44.7	40.7	55.2	76.6	257.8
	Change	5.2	5.8	2.5	11.9	17.7	20%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.1	44.0	22.8	29.1	25.7	139.7
	Change	-2.6	6.7	6.0	-1.8	0.6	7%
Small	Curr Wk	10.2	6.7	2.7	12.3	9.1	41.0
	Change	1.3	0.5	-2.3	2.4	1.6	9%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	13.6	9.0	12.1	5.3	44.6
	Change	-0.9	-2.0	0.0	3.4	-0.9	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	29.2	49.8	22.1	25.5	51.4	178.0
	Change	8.0	-0.3	6.2	-1.0	2.9	10%
Total	Curr Wk	129.8	179.0	108.5	157.2	190.7	765.2
Percent	Change	14%	7%	13%	13%	13%	12%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	765.2	12%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	456.2	4%	38
Total Shell Egg	1221.4	9%	206

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 168 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 22, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	161	157.9	148.9	107.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 22, 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 07/30/99

CURRENT LOADS 20.25 FUTURE LOADS 14.00 TOTAL LOADS 34.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 1	—	—	60.75	62.50	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	52.88	—	—	—	—	60.00	6.00
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	51.25	58.50	7.00	GL W LG	48.75	46.00	—	—	—	54.85	6.25
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	44.17	—	6.00	NRBS - 39	—	25.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	—	—	24.50	26.25	—	—	2.00								
GL W SM	—	—	18.00	19.50	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	21.67	24.00	3.00								

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 07/26/99 - 07/30/99

CURRENT LOADS 111.50 FUTURE LOADS 57.75 TOTAL LOADS 169.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	65.00	—	—	—	—	11.00
GNR W 1	60.25	65.00	61.00	63.11	60.00	—	39.00	GNR W 2	—	62.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 2	—	58.00	59.50	60.75	61.00	62.00	10.00	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	49.00	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	29.00	31.00	2.00	GL W XL	56.58	70.00	—	—	—	63.60	12.50
GL W XL	—	—	68.25	70.63	56.77	58.50	21.50	GL W LG	48.75	58.50	—	—	—	58.74	12.75
GL W LG	—	71.00	68.00	69.00	47.43	—	13.00	GL W MD	29.00	34.00	—	—	—	33.00	3.00
GL W MD	—	—	25.28	26.84	27.38	27.88	20.25	GL BR XL	—	66.00	—	—	—	—	.75
GL W SM	18.00	20.00	18.15	19.74	—	—	9.75	GL BR LG	—	66.00	—	—	—	—	4.75
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	63.00	—	.75	NRBS - 39	—	25.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	63.00	—	4.75								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	43.00	14.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	26.00	30.25	6.00								
NRBS - 39	22.17	23.33	24.25	25.75	21.75	24.00	12.00								

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 07/18/99 - 07/24/99

Origin State	CANADA	CO	IL	IA	LA	MI	MN	MO	NV	OH	OR	TX	UT
N. CA	-	-	1,620	2,330	-	-	-	780	-	-	1,408	-	775
C. CA	-	-	-	850	-	-	-	3,184	790	-	-	-	780
S. CA	850	4,589	-	5,559	515	936	2,250	2,660	800	840	-	286	2,823
TOTAL	850	4,589	1,620	8,739	515	936	2,250	6,624	1,590	840	1,408	286	4,378

N. CA TOTAL: 6,913 C. CA TOTAL: 5,604 S. CA TOTAL: 22,108 TOTAL STATE: 34,625
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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	96-99	84-87	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
89.7	53.95	41.34

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	7/26/99	7/19/99	8/3/98
PACIFIC COAST	273	252	43
LOS ANGELES	253	224	43

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR July 27, 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: 7/18/99-7/24/99
30-dozen cases 4,832

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

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