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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



All prices were unchanged to lower compared to last week. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate, and was usually better where scattered retail features stimulated movement. Supplies of jumbo and extra large eggs were generally close, and the balance of sizes were adequate to instances ample. Heavy nest run supplies were generally adequate and smaller eggs were fully adequate to ample; demand for additional eggs was usually light. The undertone was steady at best. Light type hens remained fully adequate to ample for current processors' needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, extra large and large prices were unchanged to 8.5 cents lower and mediums were unchanged to 6.5 cents lower. In Boston, extra large were unchanged to 13 cents lower, large were unchanged to 12 cents lower, and mediums were unchanged to 10 cents lower. Prices were unchanged in New England. The market tone was cautiously steady to instances weak. Demand into all outlets was fair to fairly good. Supplies were close for jumbo and extra large, adequate to ample on the remainder of sizes. Breaking stock supplies from regular sources were fully adequate for the light demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for processing needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand was fair to fairly good. Supplies were close for jumbo and extra large and adequate to ample on the balance of sizes.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were lower on all sizes. Prices elsewhere unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, cautiously steady to weak. Retail demand was moderate with limited feature activity noted. Food service movement mostly fair. Supplies of jumbo and extra large eggs were in close balance with the remaining sizes adequate to available. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for lighter weight product with heavy weight offers adequate for current needs. Many breakers utilizing regular commitments and company production. A small number of buyers are requiring heavy nest run product. Finished product demand fairly good with liquid whole egg moving the best. Trade sentiment steady at best to barely steady.

CHICAGO Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand generally moderate with limited feature activity. Jumbo and extra large in close balance, remaining sizes adequate with additional product readily available.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged to sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand was generally noted as light to fair entering the week, although occasionally improved for the limited feature interest. Supplies of jumbo eggs remained close, however, the extra large through small sizes were adequate to fully adequate and medium eggs were 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 August 06, 1999, was 80.82 cents, 1 cent more than the week before, but .04 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional eggs was light. Spent hen availability was fully sufficient for immediate slaughter needs.

WESTERN Prices 2 cents lower on jumbo in California, unchanged in the Northwest, with extra large 12 cents lower, large 13 cents lower, and medium 11 cents lower throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 13% higher than last Monday with California up 15% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 10%. Retailer demand only 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)	104-106	93-95	50-52
New York	72-74	69-72	35-38
Philadelphia	70-76.5	68-74.5	34-39.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	62-63	60.5-62	27-28
Jackson (1)	76-77	69-70	36-37
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	73-82	66-80	33-47
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	60-65	59-64	26-31
Detroit (2)	57-60	56-59	22-25
Major Ohio Cities (2)	58-66.5	57-65	23-31
Major Wisconsin Cities	61-72	59-66	26-33
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	79-82	74-77	39-42
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	103	92	64
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices 2 cents lower on jumbo, 12 cents lower on extra large, 13 cents lower on large, and 11 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 15% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to only fair. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 44. No new ads noted in Northern California.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	125
EXTRA LARGE	103
LARGE	92
MEDIUM	64

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	239-285
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	179-259
MEDIUM	179-205	MEDIUM	139-195

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 13, 1999 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 06, 1999 were 245,815 cases which was unchanged from the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	208,931	36,884	245,815

% change from the prior week..... +1 -4 0
 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 unchanged. Lighter weight offers fully adequate to ample, heavy weight offers adequate for light buyers current needs. Most breakers satisfied working regular commitments and company production. A few buyers are needing heavy weight nest run product. Trade sentiment steady at best to barely 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	31-34	31-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-20	19

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority trading was unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Undertone was cautiously steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-AUG-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	10-18.5	15-17	15.43
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 higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Seasonal reduction in flock size are beginning to place more numbers weekly to slaughter plants. Current schedules are increasing both in hours per day with weekend kills starting soon. Finished sales were fair with plant production building at most points. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-AUG-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	12-19.5	16-17	16.25

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Aug 09,1999
 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	5.3	2.7	7.6	6.6 26.0
	Change	0.0	0.9	-0.4	1.0	0.1 7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.0	15.0	7.4	16.8	18.2 80.4
	Change	-0.3	-0.8	-0.7	0.4	2.1 1%
Large	Curr Wk	45.6	50.2	46.6	53.9	93.7 290.0
	Change	5.0	5.5	5.9	-1.3	17.1 12%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.1	37.5	18.9	33.7	20.9 127.1
	Change	-2.0	-6.5	-3.9	4.6	-4.8 -9%
Small	Curr Wk	12.5	10.5	3.3	12.6	6.3 45.2
	Change	2.3	3.8	0.6	0.3	-2.8 10%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.1	9.2	9.3	11.9	4.5 40.0
	Change	0.5	-4.4	0.3	-0.2	-0.8 -10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	28.7	40.0	16.2	27.6	65.9 178.4
	Change	-0.5	-9.8	-5.9	2.1	14.5 0%
Total	Curr Wk	134.8	167.7	104.4	164.1	216.1 787.1
Percent	Change	4%	-6%	-4%	4%	13% 3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	787.1	3%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	449.7	-1%	38
Total Shell Egg	1236.8	1%	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 THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	161	157.9	148.9	107.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	125	125	115	75

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	85-88	74-77	31-34	8-11

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
65-68	56-62	54-59	20-25	11-15

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
40-42	15-17	4-6

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
79.71	45.40	31.85

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	8/2/99	7/26/99	8/10/98
PACIFIC COAST	302	273	41
LOS ANGELES	253	253	41

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR August 3, 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: 7/25/99-7/31/99
30-dozen cases 3,193

Receipts from the mainland: 7/18/99-7/24/99
30-dozen cases 4,832

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