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Throughout the country, prices were often unchanged to higher on mediums, but unchanged to lower on the larger sizes. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand was mixed; light to instances good, mostly moderate, with best interest usually centering around the scattered feature interest. Supplies of extra large and large eggs were adequate to available, and medium eggs were adequate to occasionally tight. On the West Coast, offerings were generally ample. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources, however, additional supplies of heavy nest run product were limited. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for immediate needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2.5 cents lower for extra large and large and mediums were unchanged to 2 cents higher. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 4 cents higher for mediums and unchanged on the balance. Prices paid to producers in New England were unchanged. The market tone was mixed and mostly steady. Demand was light to instances fairly good, best where specials were in progress. Supplies were available for the larger sizes and mediums were adequate to closely balanced. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were ample for current slaughter needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed, but mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where items were featured. Supplies were available for the larger sizes and mediums were adequate to in close balance.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were unchanged to 2 cents lower on the larger sizes, 4 cents higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance. Prices in Chicago and to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for medium and steady on the balance. Retail demand was light to fair with improvement anticipated. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to close for mediums and adequate to available for the balance. Nest run breaking stock Prices were unchanged. Demand for the heavy weight product was good. Offerings were balanced to sometimes short of current needs while regular commitments and company owned production filled remaining requirements. Supplies in closer balance with needs. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Retail and distributive movement moderate with packers anticipating improvement this week. Supplies of larger sizes adequate to available, mediums adequate to in close balance.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta, prices were unchanged to higher on mediums. In Florida, prices were unchanged to lower on the larger sizes, but unchanged to slightly higher on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Demand was generally mixed; light to instances good, mostly fair, with best pull usually noted through planned feature activity. Supplies of large eggs were available, and medium eggs were usually adequate. However, the jumbo and extra large sizes remained limited. 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 20, 1999, was 60.82 cents, 6 cents lower than the week before, and 11.58 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 unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last Monday with California up 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 13%. Retailer demand moderate overall. Offerings generally 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)	98-100	88-90	54-56
New York	66-68	63-66	38-41
Philadelphia	64-66	62-64	36-38
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	56-57	54.5-56	30-31
Jackson (1)	70-71	63-64	39-40
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-76	60-74	36-50
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	54-59	53-58	30-35
Detroit (2)	51-54	50-53	26-29
Major Ohio Cities (2)	52-57	51-55	27-32
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-66	53-60	30-37
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	75-77	68-71	42-44
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	94	83	64

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 1% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings generally ample. Small invoice price 44. Ads in Northern California: large dozen buy 1 get 1 free. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO			120
EXTRA LARGE			94
LARGE			83
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	199-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	209-239
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	179-229
MEDIUM	179-205	MEDIUM	149-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 27, 1999 will increase by 6 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 20, 1999 were 251,125 cases which was unchanged from the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	215,694	35,431	251,125

% change from the prior week..... +1 -8 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. Demand for heavy weight nest run breaking stock was good. Offerings were balanced to sometimes short of current needs with regular commitments and company owned production filling the remaining requirements. Supplies in closer balance with needs. Trade sentiment 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	32-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-20	19

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority prices were unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. However, markets were very unsettled and at best barely steady. Offerings were ample for an unaggressive demand. Processing schedules were close to normal.
 HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-AUG-99

**RANGE WTD
 CENTS/LB. MAJORITY AVG**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-17	14.5-17	14.59
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 for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were sluggish with current slaughter schedules at capacity. Seasonal reductions in flock size are providing ample raw materials. Trade sentiment was weak.
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 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-AUG-99

**RANGE WTD
 CENTS/LB. MAJORITY AVG**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19.5	14-16	14.76
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* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Aug 23,1999
 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
 (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.0	7.7	2.6	6.0	6.8	28.1
	Change	0.5	1.4	0.6	-0.6	-0.1	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.9	28.7	5.0	16.6	21.0	97.2
	Change	1.7	-1.3	-2.6	-0.9	-0.8	-4%
Large	Curr Wk	44.8	59.6	42.1	57.7	86.8	291.0
	Change	0.4	-1.3	-1.4	-0.1	-1.4	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.8	18.6	16.2	23.8	19.3	89.7
	Change	-2.1	-1.0	-1.9	-10.2	0.7	-14%
Small	Curr Wk	9.6	8.3	1.8	10.9	7.3	37.9
	Change	-0.1	0.2	-1.4	1.3	1.8	5%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.1	14.1	9.2	7.7	5.8	41.9
	Change	-0.9	1.3	-2.4	-3.1	1.4	-8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	36.4	47.2	17.0	27.1	72.6	200.3
	Change	8.0	-8.6	5.3	4.4	6.1	8%
Total	Curr Wk	138.6	184.2	93.9	149.8	219.6	786.1
	Change	6%	-5%	-4%	-6%	4%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	786.1	-1%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	496.3	1%	38
Total Shell Egg	1282.4	0%	204

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166 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 AUGUST 09, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	161	157.9	148.9	107.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 09, 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 08/20/99

CURRENT LOADS	12.00	FUTURE LOADS	27.50	TOTAL LOADS	39.50
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CLASS	ORG	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	ORG	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
		DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG				DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	40.50	41.50	—	42.00	—	—	4.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	17.00	—	—	21.00	1.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 4	21.50	23.00	—	—	29.00	31.25	2.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	43.00	1.25	
GNR BR 1	—	—	53.00	54.00	—	—	1.00										
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.25										
GL W LG	—	—	44.50	46.00	35.00	—	4.00										
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.25										
NRBS - 48	—	—	32.50	34.50	—	—	18.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	24.00	4.00										

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 08/16/99 - 08/20/99

CURRENT LOADS	111.75	FUTURE LOADS	44.00	TOTAL LOADS	155.75
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CLASS	ORG	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	ORG	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
		DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG				DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	40.20	40.50	39.50	41.57	45.00	—	19.50		GNR W 1	—	47.14	—	—	—	—	—	4.50
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	41.00	—	2.50		GNR W 2	—	43.80	—	—	—	—	—	2.50
GNR W 3	—	—	18.70	20.17	—	23.00	5.00		GL W XL	42.17	47.00	—	—	—	51.00	6.50	
GNR W 4	21.50	19.00	12.00	—	29.00	31.25	3.00		GL W LG	38.00	43.32	—	—	—	42.87	10.25	
GNR BR 1	—	—	52.75	54.00	—	59.00	4.00		GL W MD	24.25	24.00	—	—	—	32.14	8.50	
GL W XL	43.25	47.75	46.75	47.38	42.39	44.33	16.50		GL W SM	11.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W LG	—	47.00	43.80	45.25	34.05	—	17.00		NRBS - 50	—	34.00	—	—	—	—	3.00	
GL W MD	20.78	22.00	18.17	19.50	26.63	24.00	15.75		NRBS - 48	—	36.00	—	43.00	—	—	2.00	
GL W SM	13.67	17.25	14.17	16.60	—	12.50	13.00		NRBS - 45	—	—	—	41.00	—	—	2.00	
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00		NRBS - 39	—	25.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
NRBS - 48	—	—	32.50	35.67	32.30	33.50	27.00										
NRBS - 45	26.75	31.00	—	—	31.00	30.00	5.00										
NRBS - 42	23.79	30.00	—	—	—	20.00	3.50										
NRBS - 39	7.00	8.00	—	—	—	24.00	6.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	8.00	10.00	1.00										

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 8/8/99 - 8/14/99

Origin State	AZ	CO	IN	IA	MI	MN	MO	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	-	-	-	85	-	780	-	-	2,574	-	1,520	-	4,959
C. CA	-	-	-	860	-	-	-	740	1,320	-	-	660	3,580
S. CA	1,600	5,701	810	9,935	549	3,377	3,782	2,100	-	3,280	875	-	32,009
TTL STATE	1,600	5,701	810	10,880	549	4,157	3,782	2,840	3,894	3,280	2,395	660	40,548

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

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	79-82	69-72	35-38	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
59-62	50-56	48-53	24-29	11-15

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
34-36	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
70.03	45.25	31.34

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	8/16/99	8/9/99	8/24/98
PACIFIC COAST	331	302	25
LOS ANGELES	253	253	25

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR August 17, 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: 8/8/99-8/14/99
30-dozen cases 3,953

Receipts from the mainland: 8/1/99-8/7/99
30-dozen cases 2,692

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