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In New England, prices were slightly higher on the extra large and large sizes, and in the Central and Eastern regions, prices were unchanged to higher on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady to steady. Demand ranged fair to occasionally good, mostly moderate, with best movement usually centering around retail feature activity. Supplies of large eggs were adequate to available, and the medium sizes were usually adequate to instances close. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources, however, irregular offerings of additional heavy weight product often garnered higher prices. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for immediate needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices in Philadelphia were unchanged to 3 cents higher on mediums, in New England extra large and large were 1 cent higher, other sizes and locations values were unchanged. Demand was moderate for irregular but usually sufficient offerings. Breaking stock inventories were irregular from plant to plant. Offerings of spent hens were ample for current needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Demand was generally in a range of fair to occasionally good. Supplies were adequate for needs. Undertone ranged from about steady to steady.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were increased on the lighter weight eggs and unchanged on the balance. Prices in Chicago increased 1 cent on medium and were unchanged on the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin increased 1 cent on medium, 2 cents on small and were unchanged on large. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was fair to fairly good with some improvement expected from the upcoming holiday. Supplies were adequate to available for the larger sizes and adequate tight for the balance. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings of heavy weight product were mixed from tight to available for the mostly moderate trading and demand. Buyers needing extra product paid the high side of the range. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Medium prices up 1 cent, balance unchanged. Trade sentiment steady on large, fully steady on mediums. Retail and food service demand moderate to occasionally good. Supplies of larger sizes adequate, mediums adequate to barely adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were unchanged to higher on the medium sizes, unchanged on the balance. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was mostly fair to moderate entering the week, best where scattered features were either planned or in progress. Supplies of the larger sizes were at least adequate, and medium eggs were usually sufficient. 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 27, 1999, was 60.82 cents, unchanged from the week before, but 11.58 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources and the demand for additional eggs was usually light. Spent hen availability was fully adequate to ample for current needs.

WESTERN Prices unchanged throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 1% lower than last Monday with California up 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 12%. Retailer demand fair. Offerings easily adequate.

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	42-45
Philadelphia	64-66	62-64	39-42
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	56-57	54.5-56	33-34
Jackson (1)	70-71	63-64	42-43
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-76	60-74	38-53
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	54-59	53-58	36-41
Detroit (2)	51-54	50-53	32-35
Major Ohio Cities (2)	52-57	51-55	32-37
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-66	53-60	36-43
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	75-77	68-71	45-47
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	94	83	64
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 6% higher than last week. Retailer demand fair. Offerings fully adequate. Small invoice price 44. Ads in Northern California: large dozen 89.

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	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	209-245
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	187-205	MEDIUM	149-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 03, 1999 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 27, 1999 were 268,256 cases which was 7 percent above the prior week and unchanged from estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	231,400	36,856	268,256

% change from the prior week..... +7 +4 +7
 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. Offerings of additional heavy weight product were mixed from tight to fully adequate. Trading and demand was usually moderate. Buyers in need of additional heavy weight product paying the high side of the range. 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 trading trended sharply lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Undertone was cautiously steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-AUG-99

	RANGE	WTD
	CENTS/LB. MAJORITY	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-16.5 10-16	12.72
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 lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate availability of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with scheduled production at least adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-AUG-99

	RANGE	WTD
	CENTS/LB. MAJORITY	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19.5 14.5-17	15.08

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Aug 30,1999
 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	6.1	6.5	3.0	8.8	8.2 32.6
	Change	1.1	-1.2	0.4	2.8	1.4 16%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.8	23.5	8.8	20.0	19.9 97.0
	Change	-1.1	-5.2	3.8	3.4	-1.1 0%
Large	Curr Wk	45.1	67.2	50.9	58.2	87.9 309.3
	Change	0.3	7.6	8.8	0.5	1.1 6%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.6	22.3	16.2	21.7	24.7 96.5
	Change	-0.2	3.7	0.0	-2.1	5.4 8%
Small	Curr Wk	9.5	7.9	1.5	7.7	8.2 34.8
	Change	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	-3.2	0.9 -8%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.3	14.7	10.3	9.8	5.4 45.5
	Change	0.2	0.6	1.1	2.1	-0.4 9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	41.1	59.6	14.3	21.8	63.6 200.4
	Change	4.7	12.4	-2.7	-5.3	-9.0 0%
Total	Curr Wk	143.5	201.7	105.0	148.0	217.9 816.1
Percent	Change	4%	10%	12%	-1%	-1% 4%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change	Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	816.1	4%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	491.8	-1%	38
Total Shell Egg	1307.9	2%	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 16, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	161	157.9	148.9	107.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 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 08/27/99

CURRENT LOADS	19.25	FUTURE LOADS	18.00	TOTAL LOADS	37.25
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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 XL	—	—	40.50	—	42.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 4	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 1	41.00	41.50	40.50	—	42.00	—	—	6.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	60.00	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.00	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	51.00	—	.75
GNR BR 1	—	—	57.00	—	58.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	44.11	—	4.50
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	49.00	—	1.00									
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	49.00	44.50	—	2.75									
GL W LG	—	—	45.00	—	47.00	35.83	—	6.50									
GL W MD	29.25	32.00	—	—	—	—	—	4.00									
GL W SM	—	—	17.25	—	19.00	—	—	2.00									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.00									
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	1.00									
NRBS - 36	—	—	16.25	—	17.75	—	—	1.00									

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 08/23/99 - 08/27/99

CURRENT LOADS	117.00	FUTURE LOADS	74.25	TOTAL LOADS	191.25
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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 XL	—	—	40.50	—	42.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	45.45	—	—	—	—	—	20.00
GNR W 1	40.25	40.21	40.00	—	41.67	42.00	—	44.00	GNR W 4	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	23.00	24.00	23.67	—	30.00	31.00	29.95	9.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	60.00	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	19.00	—	20.50	18.88	22.70	7.00	GL W XL	46.00	—	—	—	—	52.08	—	3.25
GNR BR 1	—	59.00	57.00	—	58.00	—	—	3.50	GL W LG	39.87	44.13	—	—	—	43.68	—	14.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	49.00	—	1.00	GL W MD	26.13	—	—	—	—	31.08	—	7.00
GL W XL	—	47.00	46.50	—	48.31	43.46	—	17.75	NRBS - 45	22.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W LG	38.77	39.77	44.75	—	46.50	35.84	—	19.00									
GL W MD	26.55	29.75	21.67	—	23.33	31.25	31.00	21.25									
GL W SM	15.58	17.60	15.75	—	17.64	—	—	9.50									
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	74.00	70.00	—	.50									
GL BR MD	—	21.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.50									
GL BR SM	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.00	1.00									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	31.50	33.80	28.00									
NRBS - 45	28.00	30.00	—	—	—	30.50	26.75	5.00									
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	3.00									
NRBS - 36	—	—	16.25	—	17.75	—	—	1.00									

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.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 8/15/99 - 8/21/99

Origin State	AZ	CO	FL	IN	IA	MI	MN	MO	OH	OR	TX	UT	TOTAL
N. CA	-	-	-	-	1,524	-	-	-	-	2,085	903	770	5,282
C. CA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	770	770
S. CA	850	4,553	960	770	4,341	1,792	2,961	6,324	4,220	-	7,733	2,575	37,079
TTL STATE	850	4,553	960	770	5,865	1,792	2,961	6,324	4,220	2,085	8,636	4,115	43,131

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	80-83	70-73	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	30-35	14-18

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
34-36	18-20	7-9

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	48.55	33.17

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	8/23/99	8/16/99	8/31/98
PACIFIC COAST	365	331	12
LOS ANGELES	253	253	12

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR August 24, 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: 8/15/99-8/21/99
30-dozen cases 3,693

Receipts from the mainland: 8/8/99-8/14/99
30-dozen cases 3,953

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