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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were slightly higher on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady on medium eggs, but no better than steady to instances weak on the larger sizes. Demand was generally fair to moderate, mostly moderate; although occasionally good for weekend promotional activity. Supplies of the larger eggs ranged adequate to ample, and the medium sizes were mostly adequate to instances tight. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional eggs was light. Spent hen availability was fully adequate to ample for current processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged. Demand improved for the weekend, but still not up to expectations. Supplies range from balance to available. Offerings to breakers were irregular but still fully sufficient for reduced holiday needs. Offerings of spent were ample for requirements.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Retail and distributive movement improved as orders come in for the holiday weekend. Supplies were in a full range of well cleared to available. Trade sentiment was generally steady with some caution noted for next week.

MIDWEST Prices in to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and in Chicago increased 3 cents on mediums and were unchanged on the balance when compared to Tuesday's prices. Prices elsewhere unchanged from Tuesday's reported prices. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady for the larger sizes and steady for the balance. Retail demand was light to fairly good, best into planned feature activity. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for the larger sizes and about adequate for the balance. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged from Tuesday's prices. Offerings of extra product were at least adequate to fully adequate. Most buyers not needing any extra product. Finished product demand was fairly good to good. Trade sentiment cautious but usually steady.

CHICAGO Prices on mediums 1 cent higher, balance unchanged. Trade sentiment generally steady. Retail and food service demand mostly moderate instances good. Supplies of larger sizes adequate or available, and lighter weights adequate to barely adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Retail demand was generally light to moderate entering the weekend, with best interest usually stimulated by promotional activity. Supplies of extra large and large eggs were at least adequate to available, and mediums were generally sufficient. Breaking stock supplies were more than adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional eggs was light. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for current needs.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week 5 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large, and unchanged on large throughout the region, with medium and small 4 cents higher in California and medium 2 cents higher in the Northwest. Retailer demand fair. Offerings fully 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.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	98-102	88-92	54-56
New York	66-68	63-66	45-48
Philadelphia	64-66	62-64	39-45

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	39-44
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
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	78-90	73-80	54-60
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	94	83	64

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week 5 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large, unchanged on large, and 4 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand fair. Offerings fully adequate. Small invoice price 44. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 99; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 109, extra large dozen 99, 20 pack 139, large dozen 69-79, medium dozen 59, 20 pack 99.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	120
EXTRA LARGE	94
LARGE	83
MEDIUM	64

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	107-117
EXTRA LARGE	78-90
LARGE	73-80
MEDIUM	54-60

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-205

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings of additional nest run product were at least adequate to fully adequate. Most breakers not interested in any extra shell eggs as regular commitments and company owned production satisfy most needs. Finished product demand was fairly good to good. Trade sentiment continued cautious but usually 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	18

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Demand was light to fair. Offerings were irregular but mostly fully adequate from regular suppliers. Some breaking plants are on holiday schedules for next week. Undertone was generally steady although some caution was noted.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	30-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-20

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	WEEK ENDING 28-AUG-99 (LBS IN THOUSANDS)			(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)		
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,192,988	28,476	10,990	5,578	2,693	3,868
PW	1,191,186	27,480	11,734	6,135	2,525	3,778
LY	1,061,149	24,699	10,472	5,280	2,445	3,351
% PW	0	4	-6	-9	7	2
% LY	12	15	5	6	10	15
1999	37,316,454	864,854	358,552	195,426	88,411	117,739
1998	35,787,114	810,552	360,236	191,878	89,296	115,858

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			
CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST	
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR	
41.00	41.24	41.28	

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS Pasteurized whites reported at 34 and 34.5 cents FOB. Pasteurized salt yolk noted at 49.5 cents FOB. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 03 September, 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	8	30-37	34.31	-.27
WHITES	11	30.5-34	32.18	-.38
YOLKS	4	47-48	47.50	.17

EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS Whole products ranged unchanged to higher, whites and salted yolks mostly unchanged and sugared yolks mostly unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was slow with not much trading beyond regular contracts. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending August 28, 1999 were 10% less than last week, and 3 % less than the same week last year. Shell egg supplies were generally sufficient from regular suppliers.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	45-48	46-47	49-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		51-70
WHITES	39-45	41-42	46-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-60	56-59	61-69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-56	53-54	57-64

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS Frozen whole egg was unchanged with frozen whites and yolk products unchanged to higher when compared to last week's prices. The trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and steady to instances fully steady for yolk products. Demand was considered brisk for a pre-holiday week. Nest run breaking stock offerings were at least adequate for the quiet trading and demand.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	45-49	46-47
WHITES	41-44	42-43
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-60	57-58
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-58	53-55

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/28 was 11% more than the previous week. Breaking stock ample from regular commitments. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	51-54	
WHITES	45-48	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-63	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60	

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was mostly light as commitments were usually confined to regular trading. Offerings were sufficient for immediate needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending August 28, 1999 were 7 % more than last week, and 10 % more than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.60-1.72	MOSTLY	1.60-1.65
YOLKS	1.40-1.60	MOSTLY	1.45-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.10-3.40	MOSTLY	3.25-3.30
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.40	MOSTLY	1.30-1.35

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY (5-DAY) WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/27/99-09/02/99

CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS						
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W XL	—	—	40.50	42.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	41.00	—	—	6.00	
GNR W 1	27.17	31.64	40.17	42.13	—	—	30.00	GNR W 4	—	30.00	—	—	2.00	
GNR W 3	27.00	29.00	—	—	27.67	29.50	4.00	GL W J	—	—	—	54.00	59.33	1.50
GNR W 4	—	28.00	—	—	—	30.00	4.00	GL W XL	40.40	42.25	—	—	48.60	4.25
GNR BR XL	—	—	65.00	71.50	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	39.00	—	—	—	43.95	5.50
GNR BR 1	—	87.25	74.00	58.00	—	—	3.00	GL W MD	—	—	25.00	—	30.00	1.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	49.00	—	2.00	GL W SM	—	—	13.00	—	18.00	.50
GL W XL	—	—	46.50	48.50	44.68	45.67	9.25	NRBS - 50	28.75	—	—	—	—	.25
GL W LG	—	45.00	40.38	43.92	37.32	43.88	15.75	NRBS - 45	22.00	—	37.50	—	—	2.00
GL W MD	28.38	30.89	28.00	29.50	—	34.75	16.75	NRBS - 42	18.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	16.00	17.50	15.46	16.88	—	—	8.00							
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	29.75	.25							
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	34.00	—	10.00							
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	28.00	25.00	2.00							
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	26.50	2.00							
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	22.50	20.00	5.00							
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. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices remained unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for current processing needs. Finished product movement was rather sluggish. Schedules were reduced for next week. Trade sentiment about steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN No trading was reported. Demand was fair for fully adequate offerings. Reduced kills were planned for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fair for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week are generally on holiday schedules. Undertone remains steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
HEAVY		
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
LIGHT		
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	TFEWR (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-.5 (2)	
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT		

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA - WEEK ENDING 03-Sep-99
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	66.51	64.13	44.34
SOUTHERN	63.86	60.82	39.23
MIDWEST	55.44	54.00	36.76
WESTERN	86.52	77.92	58.10
TWELVE METRO AREAS	70.94	66.44	47.18
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices ranged from unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were clearing but adequate for trade needs. Demand was moderate. Undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21.5-26.5 MAJORITY 25-26	33-39.75 MAJORITY 33-35
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26-29 MAJORITY 25.5-27	33-39 MAJORITY 36-36.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 28-Aug-99
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	1,812	1,546	3,358
LAST WEEK	1,952	1,564	3,516
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,984	1,243	3,227
TO-DATE/1999	72,642	46,745	112,513
TO-DATE/1998	71,416	42,933	107,748

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	418	0	418
LAST WEEK	354	0	354
SAME WEEK YR AGO	483	27	510
TO-DATE/1999	16,321	181	16,502
TO-DATE/1998	18,537	266	18,803

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	2,230	1,546	3,776
LAST WEEK	2,306	1,564	3,870
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,467	1,270	3,737
TO-DATE/1999	88,963	46,926	129,015
TO-DATE/1998	89,953	43,199	126,551

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending August 21, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	428	759	8,913	9,510
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	40	384	415
Total	428	799	9,303	9,975

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending August 21, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	192	86	3,066	2,696
Frozen	57	0	242	146
Dried	0	0	166	235
Total	249	86	3,474	3,077

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending August 21, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	89	0	833	958
Extra Large	1,880	210	23,759	24,567
Large	7,148	1,600	83,178	69,747
Medium	840	2,437	33,342	38,963
Ungraded	24,230	12,658	368,294	171,123
Misc	120	0	4,608	6,133

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

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

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
59-62	50-56	48-53	30-35	14-18

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
34-36	21-23	7-9

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
127-130	81-84	71-74	35-38	8-11

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS- SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 30-Aug-99	3,959	190,894	97,195
AM 1-Aug-99	3,203	195,480	94,776
CHG	756	-4586	2419
PCT CHG	24	-2	3

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 28-Aug-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	31.0	29.1	7	5
BOSTON	5.4	5.7	-5	-58
CHICAGO	54.3	48.6	12	15
DETROIT	30.7	26.8	15	-3
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	91.9	90.3	2	18
NEW ORLEANS	12.1	10.5	15	-15
NEW YORK	37.9	41.4	-8	-6
ST. LOUIS	13.1	14.2	-8	51
SAN FRANCISCO	18.6	20.8	-11	-1
TOTAL	295.1	287.5	3	5
4 WK MVG AVG	278.0			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 28-Aug-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS	
		WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	232.1	0	2
E.N. CENTRAL	438.9	-1	2
W.N. CENTRAL	229.0	-1	9
S. ATLANTIC	194.5	2	-5
S. CENTRAL	74.0	-2	-3
WEST	227.0	-3	8
TOTAL	1395.5	-1	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		94	94

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, AUGUST 31, 1999. PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	112	102	68	41
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	106-110	96-100	61-65	34-38
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	109-113	99-103	64-68	37-41
VERMONT MOSTLY	115	105	69-71	-

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EGG PRODUCTS

Shell eggs broken totaled 149 million dozen during July 1999, up 2 percent from July a year ago. Regional percentage changes were: North Atlantic, down 1; North Central, up 6; South Atlantic, down 28; South Central, down 8; and Western, down 3. July 1999 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays, compared to 23 weekdays and four Saturdays in July 1998. Data presented in this report were compiled from inspection reports of the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The best available data at time of publication was used.