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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago prices were lower on all sizes, elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was no better than steady to instances weak, mostly unsettled. Demand was usually light to no better than moderate, although occasionally good where promotional activity garnered additional interest. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to fully adequate. However, in the Northeast, brown eggs remained close balanced to short. Breaking stock supplies were at least adequate from regular sources, in addition, availability of lighter weight product was often increasing at lower values. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for processors' needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was steady for brown eggs and unsettled for white eggs. Demand remained irregular. Supplies of brown eggs were closely balanced to short and white eggs were available. Breaking stock supplies from regular sources were ample for the light demand. Offerings of light type hens were sufficient for slaughter needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Demand remained light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate. The undertone was mixed with traders cautious and watching further market developments.

MIDWEST Prices in Chicago and to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 4 cents lower on large and down 6 cents on mediums, producer prices on smalls decreased 3 cents from Tuesday's prices. Elsewhere prices were unchanged from Tuesday's prices. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail demand was in a full range, light to instances good, best where features are in progress or planned. Retail feature reported in Chicago on large for 29 cents. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Nest run breaking stock prices were 4 to 5 cents lower from Tuesday's prices. Most breakers satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Lighter weight offerings abundant at discounted levels. Trade sentiment weak.

CHICAGO Prices 2 cents lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail and distributive demand generally moderate, and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate for trade needs.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady, trade sentiment was unsettled. Retail demand was generally fair entering the weekend, and additional improvement was limited to the occasional feature interest. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower than the current week. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources, and offerings of additional lighter weight product were abundant. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for current needs.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market was weak with asking prices for next week 4 cents lower on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand light to moderate. 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)	101-103	91-93	56-58
New York	61-63	58-61	37-40
Philadelphia	59-66	57-64	36-44

SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	52-53	50.5-52	35-36
Jackson (1)	64-65	59-60	44-45
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	61-72	56-70	41-55

MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	48-53	47-52	29-34
Detroit (2)	49-52	48-51	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	50-55	49-53	32-37
Major Wisconsin Cities	53-61	51-58	35-42

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	67-69	63-64	47-49
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	71-83	69-76	54-60
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	87	79	64

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

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 4 cents lower on all sizes. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings irregular but fully adequate overall. Small invoice price 44. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets-jumbo dozen 99, extra large dozen 89, large dozen 69-99, 20 pack 99, medium dozen 59.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	110
EXTRA LARGE	87
LARGE	79
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	97-107
EXTRA LARGE	71-83
LARGE	69-76
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	179-209
MEDIUM	159-205

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were lower.

Trading and demand was quiet with most breakers satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Offerings of lighter weight product was abundant at discounted levels which was applying pressure to heavy nest run product. Trade sentiment weak. Egg products movement was fairly good to good with excessive shell egg supplies forcing prices lower.

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	26-30	26-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-13	12

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were generally lower when compared to early week trading. Demand was light to fair as offerings were available from regular suppliers. Increased offerings were also noted on light weight product and was mostly reported as ample. Trade sentiment was unsettled but usually barely steady to weak.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	26-35	28-30
CHECKS	10-14	

EASTERN REGION AREA:
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 18-Sep-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

*** *'s indicate adjustments to data***

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,185,374	27,407	10,847	5,911	2,376	3,717
PW	*1,094,416*	*25,934*	9,768	5,500	2,359	*3,481*
LY	1,088,117	25,424	9,995	5,205	2,333	3,439
% PW	8	6	11	7	1	7
% LY	9	8	9	14	2	8
1999*	40,764,626*	*945,944*	389,822	212,613	95,671	*128,767*
1998	39,007,124	884,136	390,861	207,941	96,572	125,774

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
	40.39	40.83	40.49

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS Pasteurized whites reported from 31 to 33.5 cents FOB. Pasteurized salt yolk noted from 47 to 49.5 cents FOB. Trading and demand was fairly good to good. Excessive shell egg supplies and additional whites being offered were pressuring white and whole egg prices. Liquid yolk steady.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 24 September, 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	12	28-32.5	30.42	-4.04
WHITES	23	26-33	27.33	-4.76
YOLKS	5	45-49	47.00	.00

EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS Although prices were irregular, mostly price on whole eggs was unchanged to slightly higher. Mostly prices on balance of items were unchanged. Demand was only fair with some caution noted. Offerings were clearing but generally sufficient for trade needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending September 18, 1999 were 8% more than last week, and 4% less the same week last year. Shell egg supplies were fully adequate to ample from regular suppliers.

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

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	43-49	46-48	50-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		55-70
WHITES	38-45	41-42	46-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-61	57-58	61-69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-58	53-54	57-64
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY	28-32% EGG SOLIDS.		

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS Prices ranged 1 to 2 cents lower for frozen whole egg, unchanged to 1 cent lower for frozen whites, unchanged to 2 cents lower for sugared yolk, with salt yolk unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady on whole and whites with yolk products generally steady. Trading and demand was mostly light for the adequate offerings. Nest run breaking stock supplies were adequate or available for heavy nest runs and at least adequate to fully adequate for the lighter weighted product.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	43-47	46
WHITES	40-42	42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-58	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-55	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS Prices unchanged.

Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 9/18 was 18% more than the previous holiday week. Breaking stock ample. Frozen demand fair for the adequate freezer stocks.

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 Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly lower on yolks, balance of mostly prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for irregular but usually sufficient offerings. Supplies were adequate. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending September 18, 1999 were 1 % more than last week, and 2% more than the same week a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.60-1.80	MOSTLY 1.60-1.65
YOLKS	1.38-1.65	MOSTLY 1.40-1.47
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.15-3.45	MOSTLY 3.25-3.35
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.22-1.40	MOSTLY 1.30-1.35

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY (5-DAY) WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/17/99-09/23/99

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 1	39.50	33.50	38.33	39.83	30.00	—	15.00	GNR W 1	—	36.10	—	42.50	11.00
GNR W 3	—	31.00	—	—	27.50	—	3.00	GNR W 4	—	25.00	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	17.00	—	18.75	20.63	3.00	GNR BR 1	77.00	79.50	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	82.83	74.11	71.33	—	—	11.25	GL W XL	35.00	37.00	—	50.00	6.00
GL W XL	—	—	48.00	46.44	41.56	41.00	19.50	GL W LG	38.00	—	—	—	6.50
GL W LG	39.00	39.00	45.00	45.00	35.91	—	9.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	3.75
GL W MD	—	26.00	18.13	19.50	22.13	21.00	18.00	GL W SM	12.00	—	—	—	1.50
GL W SM	15.22	16.83	14.58	16.42	—	—	5.75	NRBS - 48	27.50	29.00	—	—	14.00
GL BR LG	—	74.00	69.00	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 42	—	25.50	—	—	1.00
GL BR MD	15.00	17.33	—	—	—	—	.75	NRBS - 39	—	15.00	—	—	1.00
GL BR SM	15.00	17.75	—	—	—	—	.50	NRBS - 36	—	17.33	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	34.11	30.00	—	32.33	32.97	45.00						
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00						
NRBS - 42	12.25	13.25	18.75	—	20.75	23.97	13.00						
NRBS - 39	—	14.00	11.69	—	12.00	17.18	10.00						
NRBS - 36	—	—	10.00	—	13.67	13.00	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. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was light with offerings of light fowl fully adequate to ample. Processors worked full schedules and many producers looked to alternative sources for spent hens. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was no better than moderate for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were generally normal. Undertone was steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules full. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR		
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)	
	LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
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 24-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	64.40	62.02	40.98
SOUTHERN	59.30	56.82	41.44
MIDWEST	52.83	51.53	34.69
WESTERN	79.39	73.66	58.35
TWELVE METRO AREAS	66.66	63.31	45.87

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower. Demand was moderate but generally clearing the fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. The undertone was cautious but mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST	LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-26 MAJORITY		32-34.5 MAJORITY 32-34
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25.5-29 MAJORITY 25.5-27		32.75-36.5 MAJORITY 35.25-36.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 18-SEP-99

(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	2,014	1,484	3,498
LAST WEEK	1,583	1,368	2,951
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,863	1,240	3,103
TO-DATE/1999	78,122	51,119	129,241
TO-DATE/1998	77,071	46,581	123,652

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	409	0	409
LAST WEEK	300	0	300
SAME WEEK YR AGO	568	0	568
TO-DATE/1999	17,482	181	17,663
TO-DATE/1998	20,092	266	20,358

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	2,423	1,484	3,907
LAST WEEK	1,883	1,368	3,251
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,431	1,240	3,671
TO-DATE/1999	95,604	51,300	146,904
TO-DATE/1998	97,163	46,847	144,010

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

Type	Week Ending September 11, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	201	519	9,772	10,508
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	40	41	464	537
Total	241	560	10,242	11,095

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

Type	Week Ending September 11, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	35	145	3,405	2,950
Frozen	101	1	355	159
Dried	0	0	166	235
Total	136	146	3,926	3,344

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

Type	Week Ending September 11, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	88	154	998	1,195
Extra Large	795	1,410	27,364	26,857
Large	3,445	3,686	95,772	79,115
Medium	330	1,050	35,810	42,226
Ungraded	8,980	19,808	426,063	210,555
Misc	1,620	0	6,978	6,133
Total	15,258	26,108	592,985	366,081

/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
57-60	48-54	46-51	29-34	15-19

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

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
28-30	11-13	5-7

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

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
127-130	82-85	72-75	37-40	8-11

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

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 20-Sep-99	2,845	187,990	96,446
AM 1-Sep-99	3,039	192,814	95,979
CHG	-194	-4824	467
PCT CHG	-6	-3	0

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units Of 1,000)

	Jul 30	Jul 30	Aug 31	Aug 31
	1998	1999	1998	1999

FROZEN EGGS:

Whites	869	707	915	687
Yolks	986	861	933	677
Whole & Mixed	6,996	7,964	5,802	6,203
Unclassified	2,907	1,600	1,343	1,211
Total Frozen Eggs	11,758	11,132	8,993	8,778

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 18-Sep-99

CENTERS	SELECTED CONSUMING	CW	PW	PERCENT CHG	
	THOUSANDS			PW	LY
ATLANTA	30.1		19.4	55	-1
BOSTON	5.6		5.6	0	-55
CHICAGO	47.5		54.8	-13	-2
DETROIT	22.1		29.0	-24	-18
KANSAS CITY	0.1		0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	88.1		95.6	-8	2
NEW ORLEANS	11.6		11.9	-3	-25
NEW YORK	38.1		36.4	5	-11
ST. LOUIS	14.9		14.0	6	54
SAN FRANCISCO	20.7		21.8	-5	1
TOTAL	278.8		288.6	-3	-5
4 WK MVG AVG	292.1				

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 18-Sep-99 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	233.6	0	4
E.N. CENTRAL	426.4	-3	-1
W.N. CENTRAL	234.1	-2	8
S. ATLANTIC	201.8	4	4
S. CENTRAL	79.3	1	5
WEST	223.7	-1	9
TOTAL	1398.9	-1	4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		94	94

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG SEPTEMBER 21, 1999

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	115	105	70	41
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	108-112	98-102	63-67	34-38
MOSTLY	110-111	100-101	65-66	36-37
RHODE ISLAND	111-115	101-105	66-70	37-41
MOSTLY	111	101	66	37
VERMONT	115-118	105-108	70-73	-
MOSTLY	118	108	73	-

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CHICKENS AND EGGS

U.S. egg production totaled 6.96 billion during August 1999, up 4 percent from the 6.69 billion produced in 1998. Production included 5.87 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 65.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 1999 averaged 320 million, up 3 percent from the total average number of layers during August 1998. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,175 eggs, up fractionally from 2,165 eggs in August 1998. All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 1999, totaled 321 million, up 4 percent from a year ago. The 321 million layers consisted of 263 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.68 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 1999, averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from the 69.3 a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.54 billion eggs during August, up 4 percent from August 1998. The average number of layers during August, at 301 million, was up 3 percent from a year earlier. Individual State estimates are available for the 30 major egg producing States. These States are listed on page 8 of this release and account for approximately 94 percent of the total U.S. egg production. Production for the other States are grouped into an "Other States" category and combined with the 30 States published individually to obtain a U.S. estimate. Individual State estimates for "Other States" are available annually in the "Layers and Egg Production" report. Egg-type chicks hatched during August totaled 35.5 million, up 6 percent from August 1998. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.3 million on September 1, 1999, up 6 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 318,000 during August 1999, up 72 percent from August 1998. The August 1999 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 741 million, was up 4 percent from August of the previous year. There were 620 million eggs in incubators on September 1, 1999, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 7.67 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 1999, up 8 percent from August 1998.

PASTEURIZED WHOLE EGGS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 1,521,000 pounds of pasteurized whole eggs—to be produced from about 38,000 cases of shell eggs—at a cost of approximately \$769,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds Accepted	Award Prices Inv. No. 019	No. of Bids
5-pound cartons	1,161,000	\$0.4798 - \$0.5715	5 of 5
bulk tankers	360,000	\$0.4043 - \$0.4474	2 of 3

Total purchases of pasteurized whole eggs since the program was announced June 2, 1997 follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
5-pound cartons	23,692,000	\$13,027,000
30-pound containers	752,000	\$ 407,000
bulk tankers	5,160,000	\$ 2,230,000

Next offers under Announcement PY-209 are due by 1 p.m., Washington, D.C. time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product	Offer Date	Acceptance Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
021	5-pound cartons and bulk tankers	Oct. 4	Oct. 8	Nov. 16-30