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In Chicago and the Eastern region, prices were unchanged to higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone continued steady to fully steady. Demand was mostly fair to fairly good, and usually improved where retail features attracted additional interest. Supplies were generally adequate to instances tight, and mediums remained in the best position. Breaking stock supplies continued at least adequate to ample from regular sources, and demand for additional product was often light. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for processors' immediate needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher for mediums and unchanged on the balance of sizes. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums. In New England, prices were 3 cents higher for mediums, 2 cents higher for smalls, and unchanged on the remainder of sizes. The market tone continued steady to fully steady. Demand was light to good and improved in areas where retail items were featured. Supplies were adequate to instances tight. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample for the fair demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for slaughter schedules.

NEW YORK Prices increased two cents for mediums and were unchanged on the balance of sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to good, best where retail features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to tight.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin increased 2 cents for large, 5 cents for medium, and were unchanged for small. In Chicago prices increased 2 cents for extra large and large and 5 cents for medium. Prices elsewhere were unchanged. Prices reflect changes from Tuesday's reported prices. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to at times good, best into retail features. West Coast buying interest caused additional demand of retail product. Supplies were adequate to instances close for all sizes. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged from Tuesday's reported prices. Most breakers were not interested in additional product. Schedules were at least full-time. Trade sentiment was steady.

CHICAGO Extra large and large prices up 2 cents, mediums increased 3 cents. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on all sizes. Retail and distributive movement moderate to instances good, best where features are a factor. Supplies adequate to close on all sizes.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged to higher on mediums, unchanged on the balance. The market tone ranged steady to fully steady. Retail demand was fair to fairly good entering the weekend as attractive promotional activity usually spurred additional interest. Supplies of the larger sizes were mostly adequate and medium eggs were often balanced to close. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were ranging higher than the current week. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample from regular sources and demand for additional eggs remained light. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for processing schedules.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week throughout the region unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand generally good. Offerings in good balance.

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)	88-92	75-79	56-58
New York	53-55	50-53	42-45
Philadelphia	49-53	47-51	33-42

SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	40-41	38.5-40	26-27
Jackson (1)	51-52	47-48	35-36
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	48-61	45-59	33-47

MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	43-48	42-47	32-37
Detroit (2)	38-41	37-40	23-26
Major Ohio Cities (2)	39-44.5	38-43	24-29
Major Wisconsin Cities	42-46	40-47	27-34

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	56-58	53-56	39-41
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	57-69	55-62	42-48
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	73	65	52

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices

(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand good. Offerings in good balance. Small invoice price 32. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 89, extra large dozen 39-79, large dozen 59-99, 2 for 99, medium dozen 59, 2 for 87-100.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	92
EXTRA LARGE	73
LARGE	65
MEDIUM	52

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	79-89
EXTRA LARGE	57-69
LARGE	55-62
MEDIUM	42-48

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	199-279
LARGE	169-209
MEDIUM	139-205

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Most breakers were holding at least adequate to occasionally ample floor stocks and were not interested in any additional product. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment steady. Finished product demand was reported as good with yolk products in the tightest position and usually found to be barely adequate to available. 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	23-25	23
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	8-10	9
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 unchanged to higher on breaking stock, checks and undergrades were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Demand was only fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Undertone was mixed but usually steady. PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	21-28	22-24
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	6-10	
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 09-Oct-99

Revision to previous week and TO-DATE 1999 liquid white
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,218,404	27,251	12,272	6,428	2,420	3,916
PW	1,201,109	27,296	*11,476*	6,455	2,569	3,808
LY	1,087,162	26,225	9,781	5,321	2,129	3,353
% PW	1	0	7	0	-6	3
% LY	12	4	25	21	14	17
1999	44,422,199	1,030,901	*424,511*	231,386	103,299	140,520
1998	42,322,935	962,661	420,957	224,015	103,225	136,127

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
40.93	40.82	41.10

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS No pasteurized whites reported. Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 48 and 51 cents fob. Trade sentiment was usually steady for whole and whites and steady to fully steady on yolk. Liquid movement was fairly good to good with increased interest noted for next week. Many breakers were carrying at least adequate to instances ample floor stocks at the present time. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM Friday 15 October, 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	16	21-27	24.44	-.38
WHITES	17	23-26	25.21	-.70
YOLKS	11	47-51	49.18	1.38

EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS Majority prices on whole eggs and whites were unchanged, yolk products were slightly higher but the trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were slightly increased in late week on yolks, and other items were adequate for a fair demand. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending October 9, 1999 were 3% more than last week, and 2 % less than last year. Shell eggs supplies were still ample for needs. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	41-45	43-44	46-52
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		55-69
WHITES	36-41	38-40	42-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60	57-59	61-64
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-59	54-56	59-62
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS Prices were unchanged on all frozen eggs with the exception of whites which ranged 1 to 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment was steady to generally steady. Offerings were usually adequate for immediate needs. Some breakers were working to build additional frozen inventories with little success due to the fairly good to good demand. Breaking stock supplies were mixed from at least adequate to instances ample. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	40-44	42-44
WHITES	37-40	37
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-59	55-57
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-54	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 10/9 was 4% more than the previous week. Breaking stock ample. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks building. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	47-50
WHITES	42-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices of whole, yolks and blends were unchanged, albumen unchanged to slightly lower. Trade sentiment was very irregular but steadier in late week trading. Offerings were usually adequate for a light to moderate demand. Liquid supplies were in short to occasionally available on yolks, balance adequate. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending October 9, 1999 were 6 % less than last week, and 14 % more than the same week a year ago. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.53-1.67	MOSTLY	1.55-1.60
YOLKS	1.38-1.60	MOSTLY	1.40-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.09-3.30	MOSTLY	3.20-3.30
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.35	MOSTLY	1.30-1.35

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY (5-DAY) WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/08/99-10/14/99

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
93.50								51.75				145.25			
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 1	25.13	32.07	24.67	26.60	29.71	—	26.00	GNR W 1	—	29.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	25.33	—	28.00	30.83	10.00	GNR W 2	—	34.17	—	—	—	—	6.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	24.00	26.00	5.50	GNR W 4	—	22.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	19.00	—	1.50	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	32.06	34.00	—	—	—	40.68	6.25
GL W XL	—	—	32.80	35.63	33.61	31.75	12.75	GL W LG	29.07	32.33	—	—	—	41.19	8.25
GL W LG	28.00	32.00	31.25	33.39	33.50	32.00	12.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	34.00	37.00	2.00
GL W MD	—	—	19.00	21.00	27.25	—	7.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	16.67	19.67	3.00
GL W SM	—	—	15.20	17.00	—	—	5.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 48	18.50	28.00	—	26.00	24.50	21.00	34.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 42	13.50	—	—	—	—	16.33	8.00								
NRBS - 36	5.50	—	—	—	—	8.00	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 unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the limited demand. Finished product was clearing at current values. Trade sentiment about steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light to no better than moderate for at least adequate offerings of light hens. Finished sales were slightly better. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was light for ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal for next week. Finished product sales were clearing. Undertone was steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules generally full. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
HEAVY		
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
LIGHT	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0 (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 15-Oct-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	52.44	50.07	39.18
SOUTHERN	47.23	45.25	32.87
MIDWEST	42.36	41.34	28.73
WESTERN	65.76	60.28	46.83
TWELVE METRO AREAS	54.46	51.30	38.91
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were usually unchanged on light canners and mostly unchanged to slightly higher on heavy canners. Retail interest continued to improve. Canner interest ranged from light to moderate. Offerings were sufficient for full needs but product was clearing. Undertone was mostly steady, however slight improvement was noted.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
21-26 MAJORITY 25-25.5	32.5-34 MAJORITY 32.5-33.5
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-28 MAJORITY 25.75-27	31.25-36.5 MAJORITY 36-36.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 09-OCT-99

	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY		
	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	1,831	1,652	3,483
LAST WEEK	1,946	1,742	3,688
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,701	1,380	3,081
TO-DATE/1999	83,893	56,170	140,063
TO-DATE/1998	82,484	50,577	133,061
U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA			
	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	434	0	434
LAST WEEK	390	0	390
SAME WEEK YR AGO	417	3	420
TO-DATE/1999	18,722	186	18,908
TO-DATE/1998	21,333	269	21,602

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	2,265	1,652	3,917
LAST WEEK	2,336	1,742	4,078
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,118	1,383	3,501
TO-DATE/1999	102,615	56,356	158,971
TO-DATE/1998	103,817	50,846	154,663

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending October 2, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	299	138	10,618	11,368
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	0	464	537
Total	299	138	11,088	11,955

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

Type	Week Ending October 2, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	81	100	3,609	3,297
Frozen	5	9	365	172
Dried	0	0	166	235
Total	86	109	4,140	3,704

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

Type	Week Ending October 2, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	6	0	1,131	1,295
Extra Large	1,490	650	32,189	29,491
Large	3,278	3,000	109,720	86,319
Medium	938	2,063	38,414	45,844
Ungraded	16,800	10,002	483,423	250,783
Misc	119	0	7,217	6,133
Total	22,631	15,715	672,094	419,865

/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
46-49	37-43	35-40	21-26	13-17

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

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
23-25	15-17	4-6

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

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	71-74	58-61	40-43	10-13

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

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 11-Oct-99	3,813	180,422	94,572
AM 1-Oct-99	4,146	183,153	95,290
CHG	-333	-2731	-718
PCT CHG	-8	-1	-1

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 09-Oct-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW	PERCENT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	27.8	29.6	-6	-6
BOSTON	4.3	5.8	-26	-64
CHICAGO	42.5	52.1	-18	-9
DETROIT	31.2	27.3	14	-4
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	89.0	87.3	2	6
NEW ORLEANS	13.3	9.2	45	-9
NEW YORK	44.7	40.6	10	1
ST. LOUIS	15.1	15.5	-3	15
SAN FRANCISCO	21.2	21.4	-1	3
TOTAL	289.2	288.9	0	-2
4 WK MVG AVG	306.1			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 09-Oct-99 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	239.7	2	3
E.N. CENTRAL	480.8	1	13
W.N. CENTRAL	193.1	2	14
S. ATLANTIC	203.2	1	6
S. CENTRAL	75.1	0	-2
WEST	230.4	1	6
TOTAL	1422.3	1	8

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, OCTOBER 12, 1999. PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	102	89	70	41
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	96-100 98-99	83-87 85-86	63-67 65-66	34-38 36-37
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	98-102 98	85-89 85	66-70 66	37-41 37
VERMONT MOSTLY	105-106 105	92-93 92	70-73 73	- -

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