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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Florida and California, prices were higher. Elsewhere, prices were mostly unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was mixed, light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good, and retail movement was usually enhanced where increasing feature activity was either planned or in progress. Supplies of the larger sizes were adequate to close at times, and availability of the medium and smaller eggs was often irregular. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was mostly light. Light type hens were about sufficient for current needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was steady. Demand into all outlets was light to good, mostly moderate to good, and was best where featured. Supplies were adequate for the heavier sizes and mixed on the lighter weight eggs. Breaking stock offerings from regular sources were usually adequate for the mostly light demand. Light type fowl were about normal for slaughter schedules.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to good, mostly light to moderate, best where features were available. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and mixed for mediums.

**MIDWEST** Prices were mostly unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was fair to good with features planned for this week providing some extra movement. Supplies were mostly adequate and in good balance with the lighter weights at times available. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate and additional product demand was light. Lighter weight product was the most available. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to good, best where limited features are a factor. Supplies adequate to instances close.

**SOUTHERN** In Florida, prices were higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand ranged moderate to fairly good entering the week, with the occasional retail feature usually generating best pull. Supplies of all sizes were about adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending Nov. 05, 1999, was 67.92 cents, 8.25 cents more than the week before, but 14.01 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was generally light. Spent hen availability was about sufficient for immediate slaughter needs.

**WESTERN** Prices in California 2 cents higher on jumbo, 3 cents higher on extra large, 4 cents higher on large, and unchanged on medium and small; in the Northwest unchanged on all sizes. The Pacific region inventory was 6% higher than last Monday with California up 8% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 2%. Retailer demand fair. Offerings light.

**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
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	106-108	95-97	72-74
New York	72-74	69-72	56-59
Philadelphia	67.5-72	65.5-70	53-56
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	61-62	59.5-61	49-50
Jackson (1)	71-72	68-69	58-59
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	73-87	71-85	56-70
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	61-66	60-65	48-53
Detroit (2)	58-61	57-60	44-47
Major Ohio Cities (2)	59-64	58-62	45-50
Major Wisconsin Cities	62-69	60-67	48-55
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	81-83	79-80	63-64
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	98	91	79
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, 3 cents higher on extra large, 4 cents higher on large, and unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 8% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fair. Offerings light. Small invoice price 59. No new ads noted in Northern California. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	
JUMBO	111	
EXTRA LARGE	98	
LARGE	91	
MEDIUM	79	
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.		
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>
	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO 229-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE 219-239
LARGE	199-209	LARGE 179-239
MEDIUM	187-205	MEDIUM 149-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 12, 1999 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 05, 1999 were 265,900 cases which was 9 percent above the prior week and 6 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	230,737	35,163	265,900
% change from the prior week.....	+12	-5	+9

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 unchanged. Demand for additional product was light with offerings adequate to at least adequate for current needs. Lighter weight product was being more readily offered in some locations. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment about steady to 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	40-42	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-25	23-25

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

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were adequate For a moderate demand. Processing schedules were irregular but about normal. The undertone was steadier at prevailing price levels.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-NOV-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-17	8-11	10.40
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 slightly higher when compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Finished sales were fair with current schedules easily covering needs. Trades sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-NOV-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19.5	10-13	12.83

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-** AM Nov 08,1999  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	SO Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.8	10.6	3.9	12.6	7.4	42.3
	Change	-0.4	-1.6	-2.1	-2.4	-1.9	-17%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	32.2	17.1	8.8	29.1	18.6	105.8
	Change	5.8	-7.6	-0.8	1.1	-0.8	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	58.2	61.7	48.0	82.7	92.2	342.8
	Change	10.6	-1.2	-4.3	7.0	8.2	6%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.0	29.9	11.4	22.8	21.9	100.0
	Change	1.0	-2.0	-2.6	1.1	1.4	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	3.5	9.6	1.3	7.8	4.0	26.2
	Change	-1.7	4.0	-3.0	-0.4	0.0	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.9	12.3	7.7	12.3	7.0	44.2
	Change	-0.5	-7.3	-1.9	2.9	1.8	-10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	38.3	59.1	12.0	22.7	50.6	182.7
	Change	-3.3	-5.5	-0.9	2.0	2.3	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	158.9	200.3	93.1	190.0	201.7	844.0
Percent	Change	8%	-10%	-14%	6%	6%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	844.0	0%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	446.0	-1%	38

Total Shell Egg 1290.0 -1% 203  
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165 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.

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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 OCTOBER 25, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	162	158.9	149.9	108.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	126	126	116	76

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/05/99

CURRENT LOADS							12.75	FUTURE LOADS							3.75	TOTAL LOADS							16.50
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST								
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W J	54.50	—	—	—	—	63.00	2.00							
GNR W 1	47.50	51.00	46.50	48.00	—	—	3.00		GL W LG	54.00	61.00	—	—	—	—	1.00							
GNR W 3	41.00	42.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00							
GL W J	—	—	—	—	51.00	—	1.00																
GL W XL	—	—	—	59.00	56.00	—	1.00																
GL W MD	—	—	39.50	41.00	—	—	2.75																
GL W SM	—	—	20.00	22.50	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	40.00	41.00	37.75	41.00	1.25																
NRBS - 39	—	—	22.00	23.00	—	—	.25																
NRBS - 36	—	—	16.00	17.00	—	—	.25																

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 11/01/99 - 11/07/99

CURRENT LOADS							115.25	FUTURE LOADS							40.75	TOTAL LOADS							156.00
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST								
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GNR W 1	—	55.88	—	—	60.00	61.00	21.00							
GNR W 1	49.27	50.83	46.83	48.95	51.33	45.50	40.00		GNR W 3	—	49.50	—	—	—	—	2.00							
GNR W 2	—	—	41.50	43.00	—	—	1.00		GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00							
GNR W 3	41.00	42.00	38.50	40.50	—	—	6.00		GL W J	54.75	—	—	—	—	63.67	3.00							
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	37.00	39.50	1.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	60.86	7.00							
GNR BR 1	—	—	60.00	62.00	—	—	5.00		GL W LG	53.33	60.33	—	—	59.63	61.60	6.75							
GL W J	—	—	—	—	51.00	—	1.00		GL W MD	38.00	—	—	—	—	46.29	8.25							
GL W XL	52.00	54.00	54.50	56.97	51.83	—	17.25																
GL W LG	—	52.75	54.00	58.00	52.29	—	6.75																
GL W MD	—	46.00	33.83	39.00	39.76	35.50	19.00																
GL W SM	23.50	24.50	20.25	22.38	22.50	25.00	6.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	41.50	42.83	—	—	2.50																
NRBS - 48	—	—	39.43	41.00	39.63	41.88	22.75																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	36.83	38.48	12.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	30.00	32.50	1.25																
NRBS - 39	—	—	22.00	23.00	29.00	31.25	2.25																
NRBS - 36	—	—	16.00	17.00	—	—	.25																

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 10/24/99 - 10/30/99**

Origin	AR	CO	IA	ME	MN	MO	MT	NE	OH	OR	UT	TOTAL
N. CA	-	30	1,514	-	-	-	-	-	-	85	1,440	3,069
C. CA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S. CA	875	1,354	5,124	30	800	820	324	800	5,174	-	6,645	22,907
TTL STATE	875	1,384	6,638	30	800	820	324	800	5,174	85	8,085	25,976

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
117-120	87-90	76-79	53-56	17-20

**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
66-69	57-63	55-60	42-47	23-27

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
41-43	30-32	13-15

**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
75.03	64.95	41.34

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/01/99	10/25/99	11/02/98
PACIFIC COAST	63	38	0
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR November 02, 1999:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

Receipts from the mainland: 10/24/99-10/30/99  
30-dozen cases 4,615

Receipts from the mainland: 10/17/99-10/23/99  
30-dozen cases 2,908

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