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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago and the Northeast, prices were unchanged to lower on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was mostly moderate to occasionally good, with best movement centering around feature activity that was either planned or in progress. Supplies ranged adequate to available, with medium eggs usually in the longest position. On the West Coast, however, offerings were limited. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was mostly light. Light type hens were about adequate for immediate needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to two cents lower on mediums and remained unchanged on the balance of sizes and other areas. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was moderate to instances good, with best interest noted into feature activity planned or in progress. Offerings were adequate to available on all sizes. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient from regular suppliers for the moderate demand. Light type hens were about normal for trading needs.

**NEW YORK** Prices were two cents lower on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate, mostly light, and was best where retail features provided additional interest. Supplies were adequate to available on all sizes.

**MIDWEST** Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago were 3 cents lower for medium and were unchanged for the balance. Prices in all other areas were unchanged. Prices reflect changes from Tuesday's reported prices. Trade sentiment was generally steady with mediums sitting in the weakest position. Retail demand was fair to fairly good with planned feature activity providing some extra movement. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged from Tuesday's reported price. Trading and demand were light. Breakers unaggressive and relied on regular commitments to satisfy current needs. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for mediums declined 3 cents, balance unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to good, best where features are planned or in progress. Feature noted on large 29 cents per dozen with restrictions. Offerings generally adequate, some starting to build inventories for the upcoming holiday.

**SOUTHERN** Prices remained unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand continued moderate to occasionally good, with better movement centering around the increasing feature activity. Supplies were generally adequate and mediums were usually available. Prices for next weeks' deliveries were trending slightly lower on mediums, but unchanged on the balance. Breaking stock supplies were usually sufficient from regular sources, and demand for additional product was about moderate. Light type fowl were adequate for current needs.

**WEST COAST** Prices unchanged. The market tone was mainly steady with asking prices for next week in California unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents lower on medium and small; in the Northwest unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand continued to improve. 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.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	106-108	95-97	72-74
New York	72-74	69-72	54-57
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	45-50
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
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	82-94	81-88	69-75
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	98	91	79

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

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week were unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand improving. Offerings light. Small invoice price 59. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 119, extra large dozen 109, large dozen 79-99, medium 20 pack 99.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	111
EXTRA LARGE	98
LARGE	91
MEDIUM	79

### **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	98-108
EXTRA LARGE	82-94
LARGE	81-88
MEDIUM	69-75

**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. Trading and demand continued on the quiet side with most breakers not interested in any additional product outside of regular commitments. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to steady. Liquid products moving at a fairly good to good pace with no discounting noted at the present time.

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		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Demand was moderate but somewhat cautious. Offerings were usually sufficient from regular suppliers. The undertone was irregular but mostly steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending November 06, 1999 was 6 % less than last week, and 11 % less than a year ago.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	36-40	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-25	
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 06-Nov-99 (LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,154,744	26,156	11,710	6,283	2,465	3,938
PW	1,147,221	26,803	12,062	6,307	2,298	3,744
LY	1,107,065	26,141	10,365	5,438	1,922	3,427
% PW	1	-2	-3	0	7	5
% LY	4	0	13	16	28	15
1999	49,184,927	1,140,360	471,819	257,147	113,520	156,022
1998	46,652,195	1,066,775	460,087	244,859	111,393	149,446

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -**

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.64	42.64	40.98

**NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS** Pasteurized whites reported at 29 to 29.5 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported at 52 cents fob. The trade sentiment was usually steady with no discounting noted at this time. Seasonal holiday demand was helping to spur some additional interest with most operators reporting demand as quiet. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to instances fully adequate. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 12 November, 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	21	32-34.5	34.31	-1.06
WHITES	9	23-28	26.67	-1.08
YOLKS	7	52-54	53.43	-.24

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS** Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair for usually adequate offerings. The undertone was generally no better than steady at prevailing pricelevels. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the weekending November 6, 1999 were 5% less than last week, and 10% less than a year ago. Shell egg supplies were adequate but increased on lighter weight eggs.

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

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		LTL RANGE
	RANGE	MOSTLY	
WHOLE	45-47	45-46	51-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		56-75
WHITES	36-40	38-40	43-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-65	60-61	64-69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-61	56-57	59-65
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS** Frozen egg prices were irregular with whole egg and salt yolk prices ranging lower and the balance unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to cautiously steady. Movement was slow and usually reported as very quiet. Limited spot trading was for immediate needs. Breaking stock supplies were in a range from generally balanced to fully adequate with lighter weight product offered more frequently in some areas.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	44-47	46-47
WHITES	37-40	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-64	59-62
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-58	56-57

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS** Prices unchanged.

Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 11/6 was 4% less than the previous week. Breaking stock offerings limited. Frozen demand seasonally good with 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	42-45	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-67	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64	

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Prices were usually unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light and unaggressive for usually adequate offerings. Liquid supplies were mostly adequate for full trade needs. Dried egg processed under federal inspection for the week ending November 06, 1999 were 7 % more than last week, and 28 % more than the same week a year ago. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.65-1.80	MOSTLY	1.65-1.70
YOLKS	1.40-1.50	MOSTLY	1.44-1.46
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.10-3.35	MOSTLY	3.10-3.25
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 11/05/99-11/11/99																					
CURRENT LOADS								122.25			FUTURE LOADS				41.75		TOTAL LOADS				164.00
SE		NE		MW						SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	LOADS				
GNR W XL	—	—	—	59.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W XL	55.50	59.00	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GNR W 1	49.67	51.40	46.50	48.00	49.25	49.00	55.00	GNR W 1	—	54.88	—	54.50	—	—	35.00						
GNR W 2	—	—	39.50	41.50	44.00	44.75	6.00	GNR W 2	—	47.33	—	—	—	—	3.00						
GNR W 3	41.00	42.00	—	—	35.50	38.00	7.00	GNR W 3	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	2.00						
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	33.00	36.00	1.25	GL W J	54.50	—	—	—	—	63.00	2.00						
GNR BR 1	—	—	61.00	67.00	—	—	11.00	GL W XL	56.67	59.00	—	—	—	60.86	4.75						
GL W J	—	—	—	—	51.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	53.05	58.09	—	—	59.25	60.08	11.75						
GL W XL	53.00	—	—	56.80	52.70	—	9.75	GL W MD	34.00	—	—	—	32.00	36.75	5.00						
GL W LG	—	—	50.00	52.00	51.00	—	8.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	25.00	—	30.00	3.00						
GL W MD	—	29.00	35.85	37.20	36.43	—	9.75	NRBS - 45	30.80	32.60	—	—	—	—	1.25						
GL W SM	23.25	24.50	20.00	22.50	20.50	23.00	9.00														
NRBS - 50	—	40.00	42.00	43.00	—	—	3.25														
NRBS - 48	—	—	39.33	40.33	39.58	41.25	10.50														
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.00														
NRBS - 39	—	—	22.50	23.50	17.00	26.40	6.00														
NRBS - 36	—	—	15.50	16.50	—	—	.50														

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. Demand was light to about moderate for the fully adequate offerings. Schedules continued full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light to no better than moderate for spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged. Demand was unaggressive for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Market conditions were steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT** Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

**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	(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** FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Nov-99  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A  
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED  
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	72.20	69.83	55.96
SOUTHERN	70.04	68.34	55.86
MIDWEST	62.25	61.01	48.92
WESTERN	90.76	86.16	73.40
TWELVE METRO AREAS	76.41	73.54	60.65

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Prices were irregular, but usually trending unchanged to slightly higher. The undertone was steady to full steady. Demand was moderate to good for about adequate to adequate offerings. Retail interest was fair to good.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**      **HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)**

22.5-27 MAJORITY 25.5-26.25      32.75-37 MAJORITY 34.25-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**      **HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)**

26.5-29 MAJORITY 26.5-27      31-39 MAJORITY 36.25-36.75

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 06-NOV-99

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	1,785	1,416	3,201
LAST WEEK	2,024	1,581	3,605
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,736	1,074	2,810
TO-DATE/1999	91,337	62,399	153,736
TO-DATE/1998	89,500	55,424	144,924

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	442	0	442
LAST WEEK	459	20	479
SAME WEEK YR AGO	185	0	185
TO-DATE/1999	20,384	249	20,633
TO-DATE/1998	22,596	288	22,884

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	2,227	1,416	3,643
LAST WEEK	2,483	1,601	4,084
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,921	1,074	2,995
TO-DATE/1999	111,721	62,648	174,369
TO-DATE/1998	112,096	55,712	167,808

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

Type	Week Ending October 30, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	194	595	11,457	12,970
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	69	504	606
Total	194	664	11,967	13,626

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

Type	Week Ending October 30, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	84	81	3,858	3,557
Frozen	16	4	470	177
Dried	0	0	169	235
Total	100	85	4,497	3,969

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

Type	Week Ending October 30, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	15	11	1,150	1,306
Extra Large	900	413	38,121	30,719
Large	4,360	4,306	127,785	103,246
Medium	1,613	1,403	42,637	50,997
Ungraded	15,990	18,938	543,743	316,138
Misc	532	266	10,722	7,947
Total	23,410	25,337	764,158	510,353

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

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

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
41-43	27-29	13-15

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

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	87-90	76-79	53-56	17-20

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

	Date	FREGS	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	8-Nov-99	3,660	150,931	85,233
AM	1-Oct-99	4,146	183,153	95,290
CHG		-486	-32222	-10057
PCT CHG		-12	-18	-11

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 06-Nov-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	33.2	29.5	13	0
BOSTON	3.6	4.3	-16	-69
CHICAGO	46.1	40.3	14	4
DETROIT	33.1	28.0	18	-6
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	91.6	89.0	3	6
NEW ORLEANS	12.4	9.0	38	-8
NEW YORK	35.1	35.6	-1	-24
ST. LOUIS	16.4	15.4	6	7
SAN FRANCISCO	19.6	18.7	5	-12
TOTAL	291.2	269.9	8	-6
4 WK MVG AVG	288.5			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 06-Nov-99 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	242.0	-1	2
E.N. CENTRAL	491.7	2	11
W.N. CENTRAL	198.0	3	6
S. ATLANTIC	200.4	6	-10
S. CENTRAL	77.8	4	-10
WEST	214.3	5	-4
TOTAL	1424.2	3	2

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 91 91

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT** NOVEMBER 09, 1999. PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	120	109	86	50
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	113-117	102-106	79-83	43-47
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	116-120	105-109	82-86	46-50
VERMONT MOSTLY	120-123	110-112	85-89	-

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**U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS** AS OF 10/31/99  
 COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	947,234	-18	16
FREE FLOWING	2,790,200	-13	38
BLEND	697,218	-37	53
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	2,900,222	-5	10
BLEND	182,121	-6	323
YOLK			
PLAIN	884,500	-17	26
BLEND	100,700	-25	-49
FREE FLOWING	2,193,750	-7	117
TOTAL	10,695,945	-13	36

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:  
 OCTOBER 3, 1999 - OCTOBER 30, 1999  
 TOTAL 10,176,000 POUNDS.

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 Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.  
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