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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were generally unchanged to lower throughout the country. The market tone ranged steady at best to weak, mostly barely steady to weak. Retail demand was often mixed and ranged fair to seasonally good, however, best movement usually centered around holiday feature activity that was either planned or in progress. Supplies of all sizes were usually available to ample. Breaking stock supplies were at least adequate to ample from regular sources, and demand for additional product remained very limited. Light type hens were fully adequate for current trade needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices ranged from .5 to 3 cents lower on the larger sizes and mixed from +1 to 7 cents lower for mediums. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 3 cents lower for mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes. Prices paid to producers in New England were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand was fair to occasionally good, best where featured. Supplies were fully adequate to available for needs. Breaking stock supplies were at least adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type fowl were ample for reduced needs.

NEW YORK Prices were three cents lower for the larger sizes and one cent lower for mediums. The market tone was weak. Demand was reported as fair to at times fairly good. Supplies were available to ample on all sizes.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 2 cents lower for large, 1 cent lower for medium and unchanged for small. Prices in Chicago were down 2 cents for extra large and large and were 1 cent lower for medium. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak with the larger sizes in the weakest position. Retail demand was fair to at times good. Food service demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were fully adequate for jumbo, extra large, and large and were adequate to at times available for the lighter weights. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand were quiet as most breakers worked off existing inventories and were not buying much extra product. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large declined 2 cents, mediums dropped 1 cent. Trade sentiment steady to weak. Demand into all outlets moderate to good, best where features are planned or in progress. Feature noted on large 39 cents per dozen, limit one. Supplies adequate to ample on all sizes.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were unchanged to lower on the larger sizes, and lower on the medium and smalls. The market tone was generally weak and unsettled. Retail demand ranged moderate to seasonally good, and was usually strongest into holiday feature activity. Supplies of all sizes were fully adequate to ample. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending November 19, 1999, was 68.34 cents, unchanged from the week before, but 13.59 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were at least adequate to ample for the light demand. Spent hen availability was fully sufficient for immediate slaughter needs.

WESTERN Prices throughout the region unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large; 9 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 5% lower than last Monday with California down 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 1%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings 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.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	106-108	95-97	69-71
New York	67-69	64-67	43-46
Philadelphia	65-71.5	63-69.5	42-48
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	61-62	59.5-61	38-39
Jackson (1)	71-72	68-69	47-48
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	73-87	71-85	44-58
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	59-64	58-63	35-40
Detroit (2)	56-59	55-58	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	59-64	58-62	33-39
Major Wisconsin Cities	60-67	58-65	35-42
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	80-82	78-79	50-52
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	98	91	67

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 9 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 7% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand very good. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 47. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 89-119, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 98, large dozen 59-99, 18 pack 138.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	111
EXTRA LARGE	98
LARGE	91
MEDIUM	67
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-205
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE
JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-239
LARGE	169-229
MEDIUM	139-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 26, 1999 will decrease by 6 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 19, 1999 were 303,792 cases which was 14 percent above the prior week and 6 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	272,644	31,148	303,792
% change from the prior week.....	+17	-3	+14

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 were unchanged. Trading and demand was quiet as most breakers were working off existing inventories and were generally satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

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	28-31	28-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-16	

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 slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light for reduced holiday scheduled needs. Offerings were fully adequate for trade requirements. The undertone was mostly steady.
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-NOV-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-14.5	7.5-11	10.35
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 Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was steady at best.
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FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-NOV-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19.5	11-13	12.82
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Nov 22,1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
		CENT	CENT				
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.3	8.3	4.0	9.7	6.5	33.8
	Change	-2.8	-0.7	-2.2	-1.0	-1.2	-19%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.2	26.9	8.6	27.4	22.5	111.6
	Change	-5.6	0.9	-2.6	-5.1	2.1	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	45.4	55.1	70.6	78.1	90.0	339.2
	Change	-12.0	-25.9	-3.3	-16.8	-11.4	-17%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.3	28.1	13.2	20.3	19.8	97.7
	Change	0.3	-9.0	-6.2	-7.3	1.1	-18%
Small	Curr Wk	6.6	9.5	1.1	5.8	5.0	28.0
	Change	1.7	2.1	-0.6	-2.1	-0.2	3%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	24.4	8.5	14.7	4.5	56.0
	Change	-0.8	5.8	-1.3	2.6	-2.3	8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	42.4	51.6	21.8	26.7	43.2	185.7
	Change	3.5	4.1	-3.1	1.8	1.6	4%
Total	Curr Wk	146.1	203.9	127.8	182.7	191.5	852.0
Percent	Change	-10%	-10%	-13%	-13%	-5%	-10%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	852.0	-10%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	426.3	-4%	40
Total Shell Egg	1278.3	-8%	206

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166.0 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.

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 NOVEMBER 08, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	162	158.9	149.9	108.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 08, 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 11/19/99

CURRENT LOADS							19.50			FUTURE LOADS			3.00			TOTAL LOADS			22.50		
SE		NE		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS							
GNR W 1	43.00	—	42.00	44.33	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	50.00	1.25						
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	28.50	30.00	1.00	GL W LG	—	52.00	—	—	—	49.00	2.50						
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	41.00	—	1.25	GL W MD	27.00	—	—	35.50	—	31.75	4.00						
GL W LG	—	51.00	49.00	50.00	40.00	—	4.50														
GL W MD	—	—	18.00	—	26.00	—	5.00														
GL W SM	—	—	17.00	18.00	—	—	1.00														
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	—	1.25														
NRBS - 45	17.75	19.00	—	—	—	—	4.00														
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	17.00	—	—	.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.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/13/99 - 11/19/99

CURRENT LOADS							119.75			FUTURE LOADS			6.00			TOTAL LOADS			125.75		
SE		NE		MW			LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS							
GNR W 1	45.96	47.13	43.30	46.30	46.83	48.25	31.00	GNR W 1	51.00	52.85	—	—	—	—	13.00						
GNR W 2	—	—	33.50	35.00	28.50	30.00	2.00	GL W XL	45.00	—	—	—	—	50.00	3.25						
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	28.00	30.50	1.00	GL W LG	—	52.25	—	—	—	49.00	3.00						
GNR BR 1	—	—	60.00	66.50	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	25.22	28.00	—	33.56	—	32.61	9.50						
GL W XL	52.00	53.50	—	54.00	46.87	—	6.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	27.00	23.00	25.00	2.00						
GL W LG	51.95	53.25	48.93	50.83	45.18	—	23.00	NRBS - 48	26.00	—	—	—	—	—	4.00						
GL W MD	35.00	49.00	21.00	27.50	27.06	24.40	17.00	NRBS - 42	—	—	—	32.25	—	—	1.00						
GL W SM	22.50	23.71	18.17	20.00	20.00	22.50	9.50														
GL BR SM	—	17.00	—	—	—	—	.50														
NRBS - 50	—	—	32.00	35.40	29.75	31.75	4.25														
NRBS - 48	—	—	29.67	30.67	—	29.20	6.75														
NRBS - 45	17.75	19.00	—	—	23.25	25.00	11.00														
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	23.00	—	1.00														
NRBS - 39	—	—	17.50	18.50	18.00	20.00	2.00														

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 11/7/99 - 11/13/99

Origin State	CO	IA	MI	MN	MO	MT	NH	OH	OR	PA	SD	UT	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	-	700	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,753	-	-	1,168	24	3,645
C. CA	-	720	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,057
TTL STATE	3,396	8,317	480	6,660	3,892	288	2,510	1,620	1,753	780	938	3,724	64	34,422

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	50-53	15-18

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
64-67	55-61	53-58	29-34	21-25

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
39-41	17-19	11-13

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
73.55	54.77	39.18

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/15/99	11/08/99	11/16/98
PACIFIC COAST	96	105	0
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR November 16, 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: 11/7/99-11/13/99
30-dozen cases 3,658

Receipts from the mainland: 10/31/99-11/1-6/99
30-dozen cases 2,979

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