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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady on mediums, but barely steady to weak on the balance. Demand was generally mixed, but was usually best where retailers replenished post-holiday inventories. Supplies of the extra large and large sizes continued fully adequate to ample, and the medium and lighter weights were generally adequate to available. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample from regular sources, and demand for additional product remained light. Light type hens were fully adequate for current processors' needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC All prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Demand was fair to good as distributors and retailers keep pace with post-holiday shopping needs. Supplies were adequate to available with larger sizes in the longest position. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample as most breaking plants were on reduced holiday schedules. Offerings of light type fowl were sufficient for slaughter schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady. Demand was light to good as retailers keep store shelves supplied for holiday shoppers. Supplies were generally adequate with larger sizes more available.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 7 cents lower for large and unchanged for the balance. Prices in Chicago were down 7 cents for extra large and large and were unchanged for mediums. Prices elsewhere were unchanged. Prices reflect changes from Tuesday's reported prices. The trade sentiment was steady for the light weights and instances weak for the larger sizes. Retail and food service demand was mixed as most operators were waiting to see how post Thanksgiving refill orders and market conditions look early next week. Supplies were fully adequate to available for jumbo, extra large, and large and were mostly adequate for the balance. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were lower. Most breakers were working today with a few of them planning work on Saturday also. Breakers were still working off existing inventories and not interested in much extra product. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large was 3 cents lower, mediums unchanged. The market tone was steady to weak. Retail and distributive demand moderate to good, best where specials are planned or in progress. Offerings adequate to ample for trade needs.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady on mediums, but barely steady on the balance. Demand was generally quiet entering the weekend. Supplies of the larger sizes continued available to ample, and mediums ranged adequate to available. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply lower than the current week. Breaking stock supplies were at least adequate to ample from regular sources, and demand for additional product remained light. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for immediate needs.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 13 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large throughout the region; 2 cents lower on medium and small in California and 5 cents lower on medium in the Northwest. Holiday clearances close.

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)	101-108	90-97	67-71
New York	60-62	57-60	43-46
Philadelphia	58-71.5	56-69.5	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	49-54	48-53	34-39
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
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	82-94	81-88	57-63
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	98	91	67
(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 13 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large; 2 cents lower on medium and small. Holiday clearances close. Small invoice price 47. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets-jumbo dozen 109, extra large dozen 99, large dozen 79-99, medium dozen 69.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	111
EXTRA LARGE	98
LARGE	91
MEDIUM	67

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	57-63

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 were unchanged. Trading and demand was quiet as the Thanksgiving holiday came to a close. Most breakers were running today with a few breakers revising schedules to include work on Saturday. Current commitments and company owned production were enough to keep most breakers' supplies at least adequate to mostly fully adequate. Trade sentiment cautiously 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	22-24	22-23
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	9-11	

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 lower on nest run breaking stock when compared to early week's values. Demand was unaggressive and light. Offerings were adequate to ample from regular suppliers. The undertone was mixed at prevailing price levels. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending November 20, 1999 was 2% less than last week, and 13% 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	19-27	20-23
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	8-12	

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 20-Nov-99
 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,206,348	27,217	12,521	6,591	2,575	3,819
PW	1,197,250*	27,575*	13,037	6,662	2,349	3,964*
LY	1,113,422	26,527	10,113	5,247	1,606	3,615
% PW	1	-1	-4	-1	10	-4
% LY	8	3	24	26	60	6
1999	51,589,544*	1,195,230*	497,377	270,400	118,444	163,809*
1998	48,855,044	1,119,188	485,611	255,389	114,753	156,675

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.57	42.80	40.87

* Previous week was revised.

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS No pasteurized whites reported. Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 47 and 48 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady at best, mostly barely steady. Liquid egg demand was fair to fairly good for this holiday shortened week. Offerings were adequate for current needs with additional liquid yolk available with few interested buyers. Breaking stock supplies were at least adequate to mostly fully adequate.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 26 November, 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	9	24-28	26.22	-6.19
WHITES	15	25-27	26.40	-1.13
YOLKS		TFEWR		

EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS Values generally ranged from unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were adequate for the light demand. The undertone was at best barely steady at prevailing price levels. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending November 20, 1999 were 9% less than last week, and 14% less than a year ago. Shell egg supplies were fully adequate to ample for trade needs.
 WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	42-46	43-45	51-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		56-65
WHITES	36-39	37-39	43-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-63	57-60	64-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-59	53-57	59-65

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS All prices were lower with the exception of frozen whites which were unchanged. The trade sentiment for all frozen products was weak. Demand was very quiet and additional product offerings were adequate for current needs. Many processors were attempting to strengthen frozen inventories during this lackluster period. Breaking stock supplies were at least adequate to usually fully adequate.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	40-45	42-44
WHITES	37-40	37-39
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-60	55-58
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-57	53

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS Prices 3 cents lower on whole and yolks, unchanged on whites. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 11/20 was 8% more than the previous week. Breaking stock offerings continued mainly undergrades and light weights. Frozen demand slowed. Freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	48-51	
WHITES	42-45	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-61	

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Prices were unchanged on albumen, mostly prices were lower on whole, yolks and blends when compared to last week's values. Demand was only fair for adequate offerings. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending November 20, 1999 were 10% more than last week, and 60% more than the same week a year ago. The undertone was at best steady.

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

WHOLE	1.55-1.75	MOSTLY 1.60-1.65
YOLKS	1.35-1.50	MOSTLY 1.35-1.42
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.05-3.25	MOSTLY 3.10-3.25
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.22-1.40	MOSTLY 1.25-1.30

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY (5-DAY) WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/19/99-11/25/99

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
55.00								14.00				69.00			
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	39.33	—	38.50	41.21	29.00	—	12.00	GNR W 1	—	32.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	—	29.00	30.50	28.50	30.00	2.00	GL W J	45.00	—	—	—	—	52.00	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	22.50	25.00	1.00	GL W XL	39.00	44.50	—	—	—	48.22	5.50
GNR BR 1	—	—	53.00	57.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	48.00	—	—	—	48.57	4.25
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	41.33	—	5.50	GL W MD	27.00	—	—	33.60	—	31.25	9.00
GL W LG	—	51.00	44.13	45.50	40.00	—	11.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	21.00	23.00	1.00
GL W MD	—	30.00	19.00	—	24.40	30.25	13.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	—	—	18.83	20.00	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	36.00	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	33.00	36.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.00	28.00	22.63	23.20	7.25								
NRBS - 45	17.75	19.00	—	—	—	—	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	15.50	16.50	—	—	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 were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent fowl. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was fair for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Slaughter schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was only fair as offerings were generally fully adequate to ample at most locations. Processing schedules for next week were normal. The undertone was steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked reduced holiday schedules. 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	(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 26-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	64.12	61.73	44.62
SOUTHERN	70.04	68.34	44.45
MIDWEST	58.84	57.60	35.76
WESTERN	90.64	86.04	61.35
TWELVE METRO AREAS	73.05	70.18	48.56

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY
METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices ranged unchanged to lower on light to fair trading when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mixed but fairly good. Floor stocks were clearing at most locations. Trade sentiment ranged from mostly steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-26.25 MAJORITY	32-36 MAJORITY 34.25-35 CENTS

PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26-27 MAJORITY	31-37 MAJORITY 36.25-37

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 20-NOV-99

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

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	2,080	1,512	3,592
LAST WEEK	1,848	1,550	3,398
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,692	1,450	3,142
TO-DATE/1999	95,265	65,461	160,726
TO-DATE/1998	92,872	58,184	151,056

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	409	0	409
LAST WEEK	284	0	284
SAME WEEK YR AGO	271	17	288
TO-DATE/1999	21,077	249	21,326
TO-DATE/1998	23,116	322	23,438

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	2,489	1,512	4,001
LAST WEEK	2,132	1,550	3,682
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,963	1,467	3,430
TO-DATE/1999	116,342	65,710	182,052
TO-DATE/1998	115,988	58,506	174,494

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending November 13, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	297	234	11,898	13,493
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	40	0	609	626
Total	337	234	12,513	14,169

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

Type	Week Ending November 13, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	125	77	4,055	3,713
Frozen	7	11	530	188
Dried	41	0	210	235
Total	173	88	4,795	4,136

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending November 13, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	0	0	1,204	1,348
Extra Large	2,190	1,600	40,425	32,508
Large	3,994	2,538	135,758	110,834
Medium	1,770	1,563	45,727	54,930
Ungraded	11,730	5,164	572,273	329,680
Misc	0	0	10,722	8,794
Total	19,684	10,865	806,109	538,094

/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	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
64-67	55-61	53-58	29-34	21-25

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

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
29-31	16-18	11-13

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

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	77-80	66-69	46-49	10-13

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 22-Nov-99	3,154	103,826	77,476
AM 1-Nov-99	3,633	161,851	82,865
CHG	-479	-58025	-5389
PCT CHG	-13	-36	-7

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 20-Nov-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW	PERCENT CHG	
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA	28.8	28.8	0	-13
BOSTON	4.2	4.2	0	-63
CHICAGO	65.8	60.1	9	0
DETROIT	31.1	31.0	0	4
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	99.1	93.0	7	4
NEW ORLEANS	12.7	9.4	35	-27
NEW YORK	41.1	43.0	-4	-15
ST. LOUIS	14.6	14.9	-2	-6
SAN FRANCISCO	25.2	22.6	12	2
TOTAL	322.7	307.1	5	-5
4 WK MVG AVG	297.8			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 20-Nov-99 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	242.3	-1	-7
E.N. CENTRAL	506.1	3	12
W.N. CENTRAL	203.7	0	8
S. ATLANTIC	218.7	4	0
S. CENTRAL	80.7	0	-10
WEST	215.1	-8	-5
TOTAL	1466.6	0	2

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NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG NOVEMBER 23, 1999. PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	120	109	83	48
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	112-116	101-105	76-80	40-44
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	116-120	105-109	79-83	44-48
VERMONT MOSTLY	120-123	110-112	83-89	-

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CHICKENS AND EGGS

U.S. egg production totaled 7.13 billion during October 1999, up 5 percent from the 6.79 billion produced in 1998. Production included 6.03 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 63.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 1999 averaged 327 million, up 3 percent from the total average number of layers during October 1998. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,192 eggs, up 2 percent from 2,157 eggs in October 1998.

Effective January 2000, the annual summary title will change from "Layers and Egg Production Summary" to "Chickens and Eggs Summary."

All layers in the U.S. on November 1, 1999, totaled 327 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 327 million layers consisted of 268 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.64 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 1999, averaged 70.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 69.6 a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.69 billion eggs during October, up 4 percent from October 1998. The average number of layers during October, at 306 million, was up 3 percent from a year earlier. Egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 38.6 million, up 11 percent from October 1998. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.1 million on November 1, 1999, up 2 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 254,000 during October 1999, down 29 percent from October 1998.