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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were lower on the larger sizes. In Boston, prices were unchanged to lower on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to weak, mostly steady. Demand was usually fair to fairly good at times entering the weekend, best where features were either planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to available, instances ample, with the larger sizes in the longest position. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample from regular sources, and demand for additional product remained light. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current trade needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower on all sizes; in Philadelphia and New England prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Supplies were adequate to available for the larger sizes and generally adequate for smalls and mediums. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for slaughter requirements.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand continued fair to fairly good and was best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies of the larger sizes were adequate to available and mediums were usually adequate.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 7 cents lower for large, 2 cents lower for medium, and unchanged for small. In Chicago prices were 7 cents lower for large and extra large and unchanged for medium. Prices in all other areas were the same. Prices reflect changes from the previous Tuesday's prices. The trade sentiment was mostly steady for all sizes. Retail and food service demand was fair to fairly good, best into feature activity. Supplies were adequate to available for the larger sizes and mostly adequate for medium and small. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were sharply lower compared to Tuesday's reported prices. Breakers were satisfied with existing inventories and company owned production and were not interested in extra heavy weight product. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady.

CHICAGO Prices on extra large and large declined 2 cents, mediums unchanged. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. Retail and food service movement mixed and ranged from light to fairly good, but generally disappointing. Supplies adequate to ample.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady entering the weekend. Retail demand was mostly fair to moderate, although usually better where retail features were either planned or in progress. Supplies of all sizes ranged adequate to fully adequate, however, the larger sizes were in the longest position. Prices for next week's deliveries were ranging lower than the current week. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample from regular sources and demand for additional product was light. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for immediate needs.

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week throughout the region 7 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large; 2 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample.

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)	88-98	77-87	59-67
New York	52-54	49-52	40-43
Philadelphia	50-66.5	48-64.5	39-43.5

SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	49-50	47.5-49	36-37
Jackson (1)	59-60	56-57	45-46
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	57-70	54-68	41-55

MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	42-47	41-46	32-37
Detroit (2)	46-49	45-48	30-33
Major Ohio Cities (2)	47-52	46-50	31-36
Major Wisconsin Cities	50-57	48-55	34-41

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	65-67	62-63	47-49
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	69-81	68-75	55-61
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	85	78	65
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices		(4) - Prices To Retailers	

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 7 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large; 2 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 45. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 109, extra large dozen 99, large dozen 69-99, medium dozen 69.

CALIFORNIA:

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	98
EXTRA LARGE	85
LARGE	78
MEDIUM	65

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	85-95
EXTRA LARGE	69-81
LARGE	68-75
MEDIUM	55-61

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
MEDIUM	187-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Breakers were working on existing floor stocks and usually not interested in any additional heavy nest runs. Trade sentiment was 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
NEST RUN	18-20
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	6-8
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 again sharply lower when compared to early week trading. Demand was light for fully adequate to ample offerings. The undertone was no better than steady at prevailing values. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending November 27, 1999 was 4 % less than last week, and 2 % more 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	17-21.5	17-20
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	2-6	
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

PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO-DATE 1999 REVISED

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,050,728	23,853	11,862	5,741	2,387	3,561
PW	1,212,503	27,325	12,554	6,632	2,575	3,834
LY	938,449	22,062	8,799	4,827	1,471	2,844
% PW	-13	-13	-6	-13	-7	-7
% LY	12	8	35	19	62	25
1999	52,646,427	1,219,191	509,272	276,182	120,831	167,385
1998	49,793,493	1,141,250	494,410	260,216	116,224	159,519

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
	42.84	41.52	41.06

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS Pasteurized whites reported at 27.5 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk trading at 46 and 48.75 cents fob.

Trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady for whole egg and whites and weak on yolk. Offerings were adequate for current needs with liquid yolk readily available and whites usually tight. Nest run breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 03 December, 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

			CHANGE FROM
CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG. LAST WEEK
WHOLE	10	20-27	23.90 -2.32
WHITES	21	24-27	25.69 -.71
YOLKS		TFEWR	

EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS Values were irregular but mostly unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were adequate for the light demand. The undertone was mixed but usually steady to weak. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending November 27, 1999 were 1% more than last week, and 1% more than a year ago. Shell egg supplies were fully adequate to ample for full trade needs.

	LTL		
	CONTAINERS)		
	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	40-43	40-41	47-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		55-65
WHITES	36-40	37-39	42-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-58	50-55	58-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-55	45-50	57-65
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS Frozen whites were unchanged to slightly lower with the balance of prices sharply lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg, steady to barely steady on whites and weak for yolk. Most trading centered around immediate needs and many buyers were bidding sharply lower prices for frozen product. Breaking stock supplies were mixed from closely balanced to extremely ample.

	LTL		
	CONTAINERS)		
	TRUCKLOTS		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	
WHOLE	39-41	40-41	
WHITES	36-40	37-39	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-55		
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-57	45-52	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS Prices 3 cents lower on whole and yolks, unchanged on whites. Southern California breaking activity for the holiday week ending 11/27 was 24% less than the previous week. Breaking stock offerings limited. Frozen demand fair and freezer stocks adequate.

	LTL		
	(CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)		
	(MIN. 25 CONT.)		
	RANGE		
WHOLE	45-48		
WHITES	42-45		
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-61		
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-58		

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Prices ranged from unchanged to sharply lower when compared to last week values. Demand was light with traders cautious and watching further market developments. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending November 27, 1999 were 7% less than last week, and 62% more than the same week a year earlier. The undertone was at best steady.

	LTL		
	CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.		
WHOLE	1.49-1.65	MOSTLY	1.50-1.55
YOLKS	1.33-1.50	MOSTLY	1.35-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.85-3.25	MOSTLY	2.95-3.15
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.20-1.40	MOSTLY	1.20-1.25

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 26 - DEC 02, 1999

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS			TOTAL LOADS				
161.50								33.50			195.00				
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	33.50	—	29.25	32.00	26.50	—	11.00	GNR W 1	—	29.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 2	—	—	23.50	25.00	25.50	—	6.00	GNR W 2	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 3	20.50	21.50	17.50	19.33	18.75	20.25	14.00	GNR W 3	—	25.67	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 4	—	—	11.00	12.00	23.50	—	3.00	GNR W 4	—	22.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	53.00	54.00	—	—	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	36.00	—	1.00	GL W J	41.00	—	—	—	—	49.00	2.00
GL W XL	—	—	—	32.00	30.05	—	19.25	GL W XL	34.00	—	—	—	—	39.40	13.75
GL W LG	—	34.50	35.21	35.06	27.89	32.00	21.25	GL W LG	34.13	—	—	—	—	38.47	8.50
GL W MD	—	28.00	21.00	23.00	24.68	25.00	17.75	GL W MD	26.00	—	—	—	—	31.00	4.00
GL W SM	25.33	22.00	20.50	23.00	21.25	23.50	8.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	24.00	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	24.00	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	17.80	21.00	—	—	—	—	5.00
NRBS - 48	16.40	17.40	21.67	24.00	18.89	20.23	52.50	NRBS - 42	12.00	14.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	23.38	16.50	17.70	18.00	NRBS - 39	—	22.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	15.75	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	14.00	15.00	—	—	1.50								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	7.50	8.50	2.00								

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.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was light for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was no better than steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light to moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent leghorns. Finished sales were only fair with current schedules covering all needs. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged with mostly prices at 0 cents. Offerings were at least adequate to ample for current processing needs. Many spent hens were finding their way into alternative sources of disposal. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules with little open space through the first of the year. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS Prices paid for Live Hens (trucklot) cents/pounds at farm

LIGHT HENS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	0-0	(1)
Eastern	0	(2)
So. Central	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central	0-5	(2) 0
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were generally unchanged. Demand was good for about adequate offerings. Supplies were clearing and reported as short at some locations. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady on light canners and usually steady to fully steady on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST	
LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
24.5-26.25 MAJORITY	32.5-35 MAJORITY 34-35
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
26-27 MAJORITY	31-37 MAJORITY 36.25-37

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 3-Dec-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	56.92	54.55	42.32
SOUTHERN	56.15	54.24	42.02
MIDWEST	49.14	47.90	34.32
WESTERN	77.40	71.97	59.23
TWELVE METRO AREAS	62.50	59.31	46.54

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 27-NOV-99

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

(PRELIMINARY)	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,364	846	2,210
LAST WEEK	2,080	1,512	3,592
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,364	919	2,283
TO-DATE/1999	96,629	66,307	162,936
TO-DATE/1998	94,236	59,103	153,339

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	332	7	339
LAST WEEK	409	0	409
SAME WEEK YR AGO	347	0	347
TO-DATE/1999	21,409	256	21,665
TO-DATE/1998	23,463	322	23,785

SOURCE: AGRI. CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,696	853	2,549
LAST WEEK	2,489	1,512	4,001
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,711	919	2,630
TO-DATE/1999	118,038	66,563	184,601
TO-DATE/1998	117,699	59,425	177,124

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

Type	Week Ending November 20, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	103	225	12,001	13,718
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	0	609	626
Total	103	225	12,616	14,394

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

Type	Week Ending November 20, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	169	30	4,224	3,743
Frozen	45	9	575	197
Dried	0	0	210	235
Total	214	39	5,009	4,175

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

Type	Week Ending November 20, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	60	34	1,264	1,382
Extra Large	6	255	40,431	32,763
Large	1,868	6,090	137,626	116,924
Medium	1,921	3,378	47,648	58,308
Ungraded	9,370	8,288	581,643	337,968
Misc	0	204	10,722	8,998
Total	13,225	18,249	819,334	556,343

/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
54-57	45-51	43-48	28-33	21-25

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

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
22-24	14-16	11-13

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

JUMBO	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	69-72	58-61	40-43	09-12

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 29-Nov-99	3,099	92,204	73,809
AM 1-Nov-99	3,633	161,851	82,865
CHG	-534	-69647	-9056
PCT CHG	-15	-43	-11

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 27-Nov-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW	PERCENT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	34.1	28.8	18	1
BOSTON	2.9	4.2	-31	-71
CHICAGO	47.7	65.8	-28	-27
DETROIT	33.6	31.1	8	17
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	100.7	99.1	2	19
NEW ORLEANS	12.4	11.2	11	-13
NEW YORK	35.0	41.1	-15	-14
ST. LOUIS	17.3	14.6	18	-12
SAN FRANCISCO	27.2	25.2	8	9
TOTAL	311.0	321.2	-3	-3
4 WK MVG AVG	302.3			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 27-Nov-99 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	242.6	0	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	489.5	-3	11
W.N. CENTRAL	199.3	-2	6
S. ATLANTIC	218.5	0	8
S. CENTRAL	78.5	-3	-8
WEST	218.3	1	-6
TOTAL	1446.7	-1	3

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 90

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT NOVEMBER 30, 1999. PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	110	99	79	43
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	102-106	91-95	71-75	36-40
MOSTLY	104-105	93-94	73-74	38-39
RHODE ISLAND	106-110	95-99	75-79	39-43
MOSTLY	106	95	75	39
VERMONT	110-113	100-102	79-82	-
MOSTLY	113	102	82	-

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