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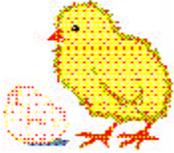
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago prices were higher, and in the Northeast prices were unchanged to higher. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Demand was mixed, light at times to instances very good, mostly moderate to good, and best where feature activity was planned or in progress. Supplies of all sizes were about adequate to closely balanced, however, on the West Coast, supplies were generally short. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample from regular sources, and demand for additional product was about fair. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher for the larger sizes and mediums were unchanged. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 3 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 1 cent higher on mediums. Prices paid to producers in New England were unchanged. The market tone was steady to somewhat fully steady. Supplies were adequate to close for current trading needs. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample for the fair demand. Spent hen availability was fully adequate to ample for processors' needs.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to at times fully steady. Demand was moderate to good, better where limited feature activity was available. Supplies were adequate to closely adequate.

**MIDWEST** Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were up 5 cents for large, 1 cent higher for medium, and were unchanged for small. Prices in Chicago were 5 cents higher for extra large and large and were up 1 cent for medium. Prices elsewhere were unchanged. Prices reflect changes from Tuesday's reported prices. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was fair to very good, best for feature activity. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances close for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were higher compared to Tuesday's reported prices. Some breakers were seeking extra product to fill gaps left from gradeable product that was being diverted into the retail channels. Floor stocks were mixed. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices were 3 cents higher on extra large and large, mediums advanced 1 cent. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Offerings were generally adequate to cover trade needs.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good entering the weekend, with planned feature activity generally drawing the best movement. Supplies of all sizes were usually adequate, although, limited at times as inventories were often held with confidence. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were ranging higher in Atlanta, but slightly lower in Florida, than the current week. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample from regular sources and demand for additional product remained no better than fair. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for current slaughter requirements.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 6 cents higher on all sizes in California; 5 cents higher on the large sizes, 2 cents higher on medium in the Northwest. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings short of full needs.

### 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)	89-95	78-84	59-62
New York	57-59	54-57	42-45
Philadelphia	53-57	51-55	40-42

### SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	42-43	40.5-42	34-35
Jackson (1)	52-53	49-50	40-41
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	50-63	47-61	39-53

### MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	46-51	45-50	34-39
Detroit (2)	39-42	38-41	28-31
Major Ohio Cities (2)	40-46.5	39-45	29-34
Major Wisconsin Cities	43-50	41-48	32-39

### WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	58-60	55-56	45-47
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	62-74	61-68	53-59
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	78	71	63

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(4) - Sales To Retailers

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 6 cents higher on all sizes. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings short of full needs. Small invoice price 43. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 99; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 99, extra large dozen 89, large dozen 59-99, medium dozen 69.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	91
EXTRA LARGE	78
LARGE	71
MEDIUM	63

### 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	78-88
EXTRA LARGE	62-74
LARGE	61-68
MEDIUM	53-59

### 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	187-199

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Some breakers were seeking additional fill in product as cartoned egg demand continues to build and gradable product is diverted into retail channels. Breakers in need were paying within the quoted range. Floor stocks were mixed. Schedules were full-time to overtime. Trade sentiment steady to fully 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	18-21
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	4-6

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 unchanged to slightly higher than early week trading. Demand was only fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. The undertone ranged from about steady to improving. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending December 04, 1999 was 12% more than last week, and 10% less than a year ago.  
 PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	17-21
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 04-Dec-99		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)				
(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	DRIED	INED.
BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK			
CW	1,256,059	27,908	13,526	7,308	2,594	4,091
PW	1,050,728	23,853	11,862	5,741	2,387	3,561
LY	1,083,784	25,066	10,440	5,414	2,184	3,579
% PW	20	17	14	27	9	15
% LY	16	11	30	35	19	14
1999	53,902,486	1,247,099	522,798	283,490	123,425	171,476
1998	50,877,277	1,166,316	504,850	265,630	118,408	163,098

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -**

CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
42.06	42.84	41.06

**NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS** Pasteurized whites reported at 28 cents fob with no pasteurized salt yolk reported. Trade sentiment continued steady to instances barely steady for whole egg, at least steady for whites and weak on yolk. Liquid yolk was readily available and was being purchased at continually lower prices. Additional offerings of whites were tight to non-existent. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 10 December, 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	14	20-25	23.61	-.29
WHITES	14	23-27	25.57	-.12
YOLKS	7	39.5-45	42.43	

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS** Values were mostly unchanged, although trading was slightly lower on yolks. 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 December 04, 1999 were 11% more than last week, and 12% less than a year ago. Shell egg supplies were fully adequate for full trade needs.

	WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)		
	TRUCKLOTS	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	38-43	40-41	47-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		53-65
WHITES	36-40	37-39	42-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-55		57-64
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-54	45-50	56-62

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS** Prices for frozen whole egg were irregular with whites unchanged to higher and frozen yolk unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for whole egg, steady to instances fully steady for whites and steady to barely steady for sugar and salt yolk. Buyers were bidding lower prices for salt yolk and taking a wait and see attitude on whole egg. Breaking stock supplies were at least adequate to ample.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		MOSTLY
	RANGE		
WHOLE	38-42		39-40
WHITES	38-40		
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-54		50-52
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-51		48-51

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS** Prices 1 cent lower on whole and yolks, unchanged on whites. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 12/4 was 32% more than the previous week. Breaking stock offerings remained light. Frozen demand seasonally good for the adequate freezer stocks.

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

**LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)**

	RANGE
WHOLE	44-47
WHITES	42-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-57

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Prices were irregular but generally unchanged to slightly lower. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Traders were somewhat cautious. Undertone improved. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending December 04, 1999 were 9% more than last week, and 19% more than the same week a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	1.49-1.58	MOSTLY	1.50-1.55
YOLKS	1.30-1.40	MOSTLY	1.30-1.35
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.95-3.15	MOSTLY	2.97-3.05
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.20-1.30	MOSTLY	1.20-1.25

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 03 - DEC 09, 1999

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS			TOTAL LOADS				
93.00								58.50			151.50				
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	27.33	28.00	26.83	30.22	26.00	—	24.00	GNR W 1	—	35.50	—	—	—	—	6.00
GNR W 2	—	—	30.50	31.50	27.92	32.50	13.00	GNR W 2	—	28.50	—	—	—	—	5.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	19.00	21.00	4.00	GNR W 3	—	28.50	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—	15.25	17.50	15.50	—	7.00	GNR W 4	—	21.50	—	—	—	25.00	3.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	45.75	48.50	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	51.00	52.00	.50
GL W XL	—	39.00	—	42.50	39.17	35.75	12.00	GL W XL	37.93	38.50	—	—	—	47.73	3.75
GL W LG	—	36.16	34.75	36.25	37.45	37.00	30.25	GL W LG	37.83	42.00	—	—	—	45.83	4.00
GL W MD	—	26.17	23.19	26.29	23.20	—	22.50	GL W MD	27.00	37.00	27.00	—	31.00	32.32	14.50
GL W SM	—	—	19.83	21.50	—	—	6.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	21.00	23.33	—	—	1.50	NRBS - 42	—	18.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	20.50	22.00	11.00	NRBS - 39	—	14.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 42	14.00	—	—	—	—	14.00	9.00	NRBS - 36	—	13.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	11.00	—	1.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	10.00	—	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.

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged. Demand was light mostly 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 moderate for at least adequate offerings. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for current processor needs. Trade sentiment was steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked full schedules. 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	

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Sep-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	55.13	52.76	42.01
SOUTHERN	49.14	47.24	39.79
MIDWEST	43.86	42.68	32.88
WESTERN	70.39	65.67	57.22
TWELVE METRO AREAS	57.51	54.60	45.18

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Prices were irregular. Demand was generally good for about adequate to adequate offerings. Overall, supplies were reported as clearing. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady on light canners and usually steady on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST  
**LIGHT CANNER HENS** (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 25-26 MAJORITY  
**HEAVY CANNER HENS** (WITHOUT NECKS) 32.5-35 MAJORITY 34-34.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED  
**LIGHT CANNER HENS** (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 26-27 MAJORITY  
**HEAVY CANNER HENS** (WITHOUT NECKS) 31-36.75 MAJORITY 36.5-36.75

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 04-DEC-99

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

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,090	1,439	3,529
LAST WEEK	1,364	846	2,210
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,191	1,297	3,488
TO-DATE/1999	98,719	67,746	166,465
TO-DATE/1998	96,427	60,400	156,827

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	419	8	427
LAST WEEK	332	7	339
SAME WEEK YR AGO	182	16	198
TO-DATE/1999	21,828	264	22,092
TO-DATE/1998	23,645	338	23,983

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	2,509	1,447	3,956
LAST WEEK	1,696	853	2,549
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,373	1,313	3,686
TO-DATE/1999	120,547	68,010	188,557
TO-DATE/1998	120,072	60,738	180,810

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

Type	Week Ending November 27, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998/1	1999	1998
Liquid	247	0	12,248	13,718
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	82	609	708
Total	247	82	12,863	14,476

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

Type	Week Ending November 27, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998/1	1999	1998
Liquid	14	10	4,238	3,753
Frozen	0	1	575	198
Dried	0	0	210	235
Total	14	11	5,023	4,186

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

Type	Week Ending November 27, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998/1	1999	1998
Jumbo	49	17	1,313	1,399
Extra Large	132	304	40,563	33,067
Large	4,142	4,166	141,768	121,090
Medium	240	954	47,888	59,262
Ungraded	10,770	3,174	592,413	341,142
Misc	900	50	11,622	9,048
Total	16,233	8,665	835,567	565,008

/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
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
26-27	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	74-77	63-66	41-44	09-12

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 06-Dec-99	3,624	67,769	76,132
AM 1-Nov-99	3,633	161,851	82,865
CHG	-9	-94082	-6733
PCT CHG	0	-58	-8

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of October 31, 1999 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on December 1, 1999 are:

FROZEN EGGS	9	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.01 PCT
TURKS	251	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.98 PCT
POP	752	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.99 PCT

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 04-Dec-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	27.3	34.1	-20	-32
BOSTON	3.5	2.9	21	-60
CHICAGO	49.9	47.7	4	-11
DETROIT	29.0	33.6	-14	29
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	77.4	100.7	-23	-12
NEW ORLEANS	11.7	12.4	-6	-21
NEW YORK	41.3	35.0	18	0
ST. LOUIS	16.7	17.3	-3	22
SAN FRANCISCO	19.2	27.2	-29	-12
TOTAL	276.1	311.0	-11	-13
4 WK MVG AVG	303.9			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 04-Dec-99  
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	249.3	3	1
E.N. CENTRAL	486.2	-1	7
W.N. CENTRAL	198.4	0	4
S. ATLANTIC	223.2	2	2
S. CENTRAL	78.0	-2	-5
WEST	213.4	-2	-8
TOTAL	1448.5	0	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		90	90

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT** DEC 07, 1999.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	102	91	73	42
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	95-99	84-88	66-70	35-39
MOSTLY	97-98	86-87	68-69	37-38
RHODE ISLAND	98-102	87-91	69-73	38-42
MOSTLY	98	87	69	38
VERMONT	105	94-95	75-76	-
MOSTLY	-	94	76	-

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**U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1999 COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS**

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR	% CHANGE
<b>WHOLE</b>			
PLAIN	847,348	-11	-31
FREE FLOWING	1,864,750	-33	32
BLEND	712,545	2	50
<b>WHITE</b>			
(ALBUMEN)	3,171,976	9	53
BLEND	185,750	2	303
<b>YOLK</b>			
PLAIN	642,250	-27	-14
BLEND	74,900	-26	-56
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	2,377,400	8	141
TOTAL	9,876,919	-8	38

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:

OCTOBER 31, 1999 - NOVEMBER 27, 1999

TOTAL 9,776,000 POUNDS.

**USDA BUYS: PASTEURIZED WHOLE EGGS; ENDS PROGRAM**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 1,401,000 pounds of pasteurized whole eggs—to be produced from about 35,000 cases of shell eggs—at a cost of approximately \$543,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds Accepted	Award Prices Inv. No. 025	No. of Bids Accepted
5-pound cartons	1,081,000	\$0.3600 - \$0.4715	3 of 4
bulk tankers	320,000	\$0.3249	1 of 3

It was also announced that the purchase program for pasteurized whole eggs is complete.

Total purchases of pasteurized whole eggs since the program was announced June 2, 1997, follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
5-pound cartons	28,494,000	\$15,322,000
30-pound containers	752,000	\$407,000
bulk tankers	6,880,000	\$2,854,000

The awards for pasteurized whole eggs under Announcement PY-209, as amended, Invitation 025, to be delivered Jan. 16 to Mar. 31, 2000.

**EGG PRODUCTS**

Shell Eggs Broken Up 9 Percent. Shell eggs broken totaled 154 million dozen during October 1999, up 9 percent from October a year ago. Regional percentage changes were: North Atlantic, up 7; North Central, up 14; South Atlantic, down 37; South Central, up 18; and Western, up 4. October 1999 contained 21 weekdays including one holiday and five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays including one holiday and five Saturdays in October 1998. Data presented in this report were compiled from inspection reports of the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The best available data at time of publication was used.