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In Chicago and the Eastern region, prices continued unchanged to higher. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone continued fully steady to firm. Demand ranged moderate to very good, mostly good, with best movement centering around weekend feature activity. Supplies were usually adequate to close, and the larger sizes were often in the better position. Breaking stock offerings were generally light to adequate, and demand for additional product was unaggressive. Light type hens were fully sufficient for immediate needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 5 cents higher on the larger sizes, and mediums were unchanged to 2 cents higher. In Boston, the extra large and large sizes were unchanged to 5 cents higher and mediums were unchanged to 1 cent higher. Prices paid to producers in New England were 5 cents higher on the extra large and large sizes, 2 cents higher on smalls, and unchanged on the jumbo and medium sizes. The market tone remained firm. Demand into all outlets was at least moderate to fairly good, best for feature activity. Supplies continued adequate to close, and the larger sizes remained in the best position. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the fair to good demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for immediate needs.

NEW YORK Prices were two cents higher on the extra large and large sizes, and one cent higher on mediums. The market tone remained fully steady to mostly firm. Demand was generally good, best where features were in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were adequate to close for trading needs.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were up 15 cents for large, 8 cents for medium, and 7 cents for small. Prices in Chicago were up 15 cents for the larger sizes and 8 cents for medium. Prices elsewhere were unchanged. Prices reflect changes from Tuesday's reported prices. The trade sentiment was firm. Retail demand was very good. Food service demand was fair to fairly good. Supplies were barely adequate to close and continued to be held with good confidence. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were up 3 cents from Tuesday's reported price. Most breakers have reduced schedules planned for next week and were easily satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks were in good balance to at times long. The trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Prices for larger sizes was 5 cents higher, mediums increased 2 cents. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand moderate, instances good, best where limited features were planned or in progress. Supplies in close balance to adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged to higher. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. Demand was generally good entering the weekend, best where feature activity was either planned or in progress. Supplies of the extra large and large sizes were about adequate to closely cleared and mediums were usually adequate. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher than the current week. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources and demand for additional product was generally fair. Light type fowl were generally ample for current needs.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 19 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large throughout the region; medium 16 cents higher in California, 11 cents higher in the Northwest. Retailer demand seasonally good. 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)	93-111	82-100	60-64
New York	75-77	72-75	52-55
Philadelphia	52.5-75	50.5-73	40-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	46-47	44.5-46	36-37
Jackson (1)	56-57	53-54	45-46
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	56-69	53-67	41-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	62-67	61-66	43-48
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	30-33
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-49	43-47	31-36
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	34-41
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	64-65	59-61	48-49
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	68-80	67-74	59-65
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	84	77	69
(1) - Prices Reported Weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice Prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices To Retailers		

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 19 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, 16 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings light. Small invoice price 49. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 99, extra large dozen 89, 2 for \$3, large dozen 79-99, medium dozen 69.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	97
EXTRA LARGE	84
LARGE	77
MEDIUM	69

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 229-289	
EXTRA LARGE 219-279	
LARGE 199-209	
MEDIUM 187-199	
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	
RANGE	
JUMBO 84-94	
EXTRA LARGE 68-80	
LARGE 67-74	
MEDIUM 59-65	

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were light for the quiet trading and demand. Most breakers working reduced schedules next week and were satisfied with company owned production and regular commitments. Floor stocks in better balance with needs to occasionally long. Trade sentiment 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	22-25	23-25
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-13	

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 higher when compared to early week trading. Demand was fair but unaggressive for adequate but reduced offerings. The undertone was unsettled but usually reported as steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending December 11, 1999 was unchanged when compared to a week earlier and 14% less than the same week last year.

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

	RANGE
NEST RUN	24-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	9-13

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 11-Dec-99 (LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,252,677	28,840	12,003	6,585	2,738	4,170
PW	1,256,059	27,735*	12,122*	7,308	2,594	4,091
LY	1,123,142	25,651	11,100	5,839	2,093	3,591
% PW	0	4	-1	-10	6	2
% LY	12	12	8	13	31	16
1999	55,155,163	1,269,101*	528,840*	289,828*	126,163	175,646
1998	52,000,419	1,191,967	515,950	271,469	120,501	166,689

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.19	40.81	41.12

*Revisions to previous week's liquid whole and white, year to date for liquid whole, white and yolk.

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS Pasteurized whites reported at 27.5 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported at 46 cents fob. Trade sentiment was generally steady for all products with liquid whites showing the most strength. Offerings of liquid yolk were at least adequate for current needs with white offerings more available when compared to previous weeks. Whole egg moving at a fairly good to good pace. Most processing schedules reduced for next week. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 17 December, 1999 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	15	20-25	22.90	-.71
WHITES	16	24-27	25.44	-.13
YOLKS	8	43	43.00	.57

EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS Values were generally unchanged with trading irregular from location to location. Offerings were adequate for the light demand. The undertone was mixed but about steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending December 11, 1999 were 17% more than last week, and 1% more than a year ago. Shell egg supplies were sufficient for trade needs. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	38-43	40-41	47-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		53-65
WHITES	36-40	37-40	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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady for all frozen products. Trading and demand was usually quiet as the Christmas and New Year holidays approach. Many operators will have reduced schedules for next week. Breaking stock supplies were mixed from in close balance to ample. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 12/10 was 6% less than the previous week. Breaking stock offerings limited. Frozen demand seasonally good and freezer stocks adequate.

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 mostly unchanged. Demand was light to occasionally moderate. Offerings were adequate for trade needs. The undertone was unsettled. Dried egg processed under federal inspection for the week ending December 11, 1999 were 6% more than the previous week, and 31% more than the same week a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.49-1.60	MOSTLY	1.50-1.55
YOLKS	1.30-1.40	MOSTLY	1.30-1.35
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.90-3.18	MOSTLY	2.97-3.05
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.20-1.30	MOSTLY	1.20-1.25

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY (5-DAY) WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/10/99-12/16/99

CURRENT LOADS			99.00		FUTURE LOADS			27.75		TOTAL LOADS			126.75		
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	39.83	46.14	35.83	39.75	44.44	50.00	40.00	GNR W 1	—	49.50	—	—	—	—	16.00
GNR W 2	—	41.33	46.00	45.50	29.50	—	6.00	GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	25.00	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	26.50	28.50	3.00	GNR BR 1	—	61.00	—	—	—	65.50	2.50
GNR W 4	—	—	21.67	25.00	17.71	18.30	10.00	GL W J	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	55.50	61.00	54.50	—	3.50	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	61.00	1.00
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	GL W LG	54.00	—	—	—	—	54.43	6.50
GL W J	45.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	—	36.00	—	—	—	35.50	5.00
GL W XL	—	—	—	61.50	56.31	—	4.25	GL W SM	20.00	—	—	—	—	25.00	1.00
GL W LG	58.00	52.00	40.00	48.00	51.36	—	15.00	NRBS - 48	—	25.00	—	—	—	—	5.00
GL W MD	—	41.00	26.58	28.08	34.38	—	15.50	NRBS - 42	15.00	24.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 50	—	29.00	—	31.00	22.00	24.25	3.00	NRBS - 39	12.00	14.67	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	24.10	30.00	7.50								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	14.00	15.00	12.00	—	3.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	7.00	9.00	5.00								

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 continued unchanged. Offerings were adequate to usually ample for needs. Some sellers of spent fowl were seeking alternative sources of disposal. Trade sentiment about steady.

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

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal for current week but reduced for next week. The undertone was no better than steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked full 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)	0

(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	66.32	63.80	48.32
SOUTHERN	53.99	52.09	42.02
MIDWEST	49.92	48.69	36.29
WESTERN	76.34	71.50	62.80
TWELVE METRO AREAS	64.99	61.97	50.19

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY
METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were generally unchanged on light canners, and unchanged to slightly lower on heavy canners. Offerings increased on heavy as retail interest slowed. Demand was usually disappointing. Offerings of light canners were adequate for an unaggressive but moderate demand. The undertone was steady on light canners but barely steady on heavies.

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)		HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)	
25-26 MAJORITY		32.5-34.25 MAJORITY	33-34.25
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST			
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)		HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)	
26-27 MAJORITY		31-36.75 MAJORITY	36-36.75

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 11-DEC-99
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	2,167	1,425	3,592
LAST WEEK	2,090	1,439	3,529
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,379	1,277	3,656
TO-DATE/1999	100,886	69,171	170,057
TO-DATE/1998	98,806	61,677	160,483

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	488	0	488
LAST WEEK	419	8	427
SAME WEEK YR AGO	365	0	365
TO-DATE/1999	22,316	264	22,580
TO-DATE/1998	24,010	338	24,348

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	2,655	1,425	4,080
LAST WEEK	2,509	1,447	3,956
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,744	1,277	4,021
TO-DATE/1999	123,202	69,435	192,637
TO-DATE/1998	122,816	62,015	184,831

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

Type	Week Ending December 4, 1999 (000)		Year-To-Date (000)	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	229	249	12,477	13,967
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	35	0	644	708
Total	264	249	13,127	14,725

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

Type	Week Ending December 4, 1999 (000)		Year-To-Date (000)	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	121	28	4,359	3,781
Frozen	10	0	585	198
Dried	100	0	310	235
Total	231	28	5,254	4,214

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

Type	Week Ending December 4, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	45	0	1,358	1,399
Extra Large	139	1,875	40,702	34,942
Large	3,185	4,512	144,953	125,602
Medium	1,688	2,894	49,576	62,156
Ungraded	9,930	9,630	602,343	350,772
Misc	0	69	11,622	9,117
Total	14,987	18,980	850,554	583,988

/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
51-54	42-48	40-45	28-33	21-25

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

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
42-44	25-27	18-20

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

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	92-95	81-84	43-46	14-17

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-

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

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 13-Dec-99	3,778	66,705	77,566
AM 1-Dec-99	3,309	82,430	74,738
CHG	469	-15725	2828
PCT CHG	14	-19	4

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 11-Dec-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	28.8	27.3	5	-4
BOSTON	3.3	3.5	-6	-62
CHICAGO	50.0	49.9	4	-11
DETROIT	40.4	29.0	39	18
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	101.6	77.4	31	16
NEW ORLEANS	14.0	11.7	20	-3
NEW YORK	39.1	41.3	-5	-4
ST. LOUIS	15.7	16.7	-6	15
SAN FRANCISCO	22.4	19.2	17	-6
TOTAL	315.4	276.1	14	2
4 WK MVG AVG	305.9			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 11-Dec-99 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	253.1	2	3
E.N. CENTRAL	485.1	0	3
W.N. CENTRAL	198.2	0	5
S. ATLANTIC	218.8	-2	1
S. CENTRAL	79.8	2	0
WEST	210.5	-1	-9
TOTAL	1445.5	0	1

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NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG DECEMBER 14, 1999. PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	107	96	74	42
	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	100-104	89-93	67-71	35-39
	102-103	91-92	69-70	37-38
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	104-108	93-97	71-75	38-42
	104	93	71	38
VERMONT MOSTLY	110	99-100	75-77	-
	-	99	77	-

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