



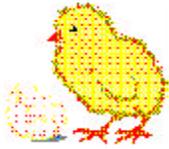
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged to mostly higher throughout the country. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand ranged moderate to very good at times, best into planned feature activity. Supplies of all sizes were usually no more than adequate to occasionally short. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was generally no better than moderate. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 12 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 7.5 cents higher on mediums; in Boston, prices ranged from 1-8 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when based on previous week averages. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Retail demand was mostly good. Supplies were short to adequate. Breaking stock supplies from regular sources were adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for trading needs.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand was generally good, best where limited feature activity was available. Supplies were no more than adequate to closely cleared.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were unchanged to higher for all sizes. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago were up 1 cent for the larger sizes, 2 cents higher for medium, and were unchanged for small. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was good to very good with the best interest still coming out of feature activity. Food service movement was fair to good. Supplies were barely adequate to at times tight for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Most breakers were satisfied with current inventories and were not currently purchasing extra product. Offerings were usually adequate. The trade sentiment was steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for extra large and large 1 cent higher, mediums advanced 2 cents. Trade sentiment fully steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to good and best where limited features were planned or in progress. Offerings in close balance to barely adequate as some packers where having problems late in the week trying to cover current sales.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher, elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand ranged moderate to fairly good at times entering the week. Supplies of all sizes were usually adequate, although limited at times where additional product was sought. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending December 24, 1999, was 16.15 cents more than the week before, but 14.81 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was about fair. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current slaughter needs.

**WESTERN** Prices 7 cents higher on all sizes in California; 8 cents higher on the large sizes, 5 cents higher on medium in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 5% higher than last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 8%. Retailer demand good. Offerings in good balance.

**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
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	117-119	106-108	63-65
New York	81-83	78-81	58-61
Philadelphia	77-81	75-79	54.5-58
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	71-72	69.5-71	53-54
Jackson (1)	83-84	78-79	62-63
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-85	69-83	51-65
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	70-75	69-74	50-55
Detroit (2)	67-70	66-69	46-49
Major Ohio Cities (2)	68-73	67-71	47-52
Major Wisconsin Cities	71-78	69-76	50-57
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	88-89	83-85	64-65
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	110	103	92

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

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices 7 cents higher on all sizes. The California inventory was 4 % higher than last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings in good balance. Small invoice price 72. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 69-119, 18 pack 199.

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

	RANGE	
JUMBO	123	
EXTRA LARGE	110	
LARGE	103	
MEDIUM	92	
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.		
	<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE</b>	<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE</b>
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO 239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE 219-229
LARGE	199-209	LARGE 189-219
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM 149-175

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 31, 1999 will decrease by 19 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 24, 1999 were 361,901 cases which was 2 percent above the prior week and 11 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	330,911	30,990	361,901
% change from the prior week.....	+4	-9	+2

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. Most breakers were satisfied with current inventories and were taking a wait and see approach before purchasing anything additional. Offerings usually adequate. 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	22-27	25-27
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

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales had slowed. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was steady at best.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-DEC-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19.5	11-13	12.83
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair for the fully adequate offerings. Trading was light with most plants on holiday schedules. Undertone was steady at best.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-DEC-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-16.5	8-14.5	10.96
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-** AM Dec 27,1999  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	4.6	7.9	5.8	8.5	8.5	35.3
	Change	0.0	-1.4	0.0	-2.4	1.1	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	15.7	20.9	7.2	14.9	18.0	76.7
	Change	-0.5	0.9	-1.6	-6.0	0.7	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	23.9	64.2	39.0	51.8	68.1	247.0
	Change	-8.0	19.8	-12.1	-6.8	-1.1	-3%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.7	28.3	12.8	18.5	20.0	92.3
	Change	-0.2	-1.7	2.2	1.9	1.3	4%
Small	Curr Wk	2.6	5.4	3.8	6.4	5.5	23.7
	Change	0.6	2.1	0.4	0.4	-0.9	12%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.8	18.7	7.7	11.6	7.4	51.2
	Change	-8.5	-0.2	-0.4	0.3	2.4	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	30.6	40.7	17.4	21.1	47.9	157.7
	Change	5.6	-0.9	3.7	1.1	5.2	10%
Total	Curr Wk	95.9	186.1	93.7	132.8	175.4	683.9
	Change	-10%	11%	-8%	-8%	5%	0%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change	Number of Cooperators		

Shell Egg	683.9	0%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	404.5	4%	40

Total Shell Egg 1088.4 1% 205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165.0 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.

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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.  
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**CANADIAN EGGS**

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	162	158.9	149.9	108.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 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 DECEMBER 24,1999

CURRENT LOADS 5.25 FUTURE LOADS 6.00 TOTAL LOADS 11.25

CLASS	ORG	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	ORG	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
		DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG				DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	55.00	—	56.00	57.00	—	—	6.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	—	69.50	72.00	.25	
GL W MD	—	—	41.00	42.00	—	—	3.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	68.50	71.00	1.00	
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	15.00	17.00	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.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/18/99-12/24/99

CURRENT LOADS 120.25 FUTURE LOADS 39.25 TOTAL LOADS 159.50

CLASS	ORG	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	ORG	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
		DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG				DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	51.64	53.82	54.00	55.56	50.93	51.50	59.00		GNR W 1	—	56.05	—	—	—	—	24.00	
GNR W 2	—	49.00	—	37.75	41.40	51.50	12.00		GNR W 2	—	48.00	—	—	—	57.75	5.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	26.00	28.00	4.00		GNR W 3	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GNR W 4	—	—	25.75	27.00	24.44	27.00	8.00		GL W J	62.50	—	—	—	—	71.60	1.25	
GNR BR 1	—	—	69.00	72.00	—	—	1.00		GL W XL	60.50	—	—	—	66.86	69.20	4.25	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	64.00	—	.75		GL W LG	64.00	—	—	—	68.63	71.03	10.50	
GL W XL	—	65.00	77.00	67.92	60.73	—	7.50		GL W MD	41.00	43.89	—	—	—	44.00	6.50	
GL W LG	—	65.67	61.00	62.00	60.20	—	8.75		GL W SM	20.50	—	—	—	—	27.00	2.00	
GL W MD	—	49.50	38.50	40.00	51.00	—	17.00										
GL W SM	22.00	23.00	24.92	26.42	—	—	4.00										
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	31.00	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	30.83	32.00	15.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	17.00	19.00	2.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	17.25	2.00										

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 12/12/99 - 12/18/99****Origin**

State	AR	CO	IL	IN	IA	MI	MN	MO	OH	OR	UT	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	0	0	1,580	0	0	0	0	1,187	630	0	3,397
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	900	0	0	900
S. CA	870	815	560	1,660	9,082	888	6,232	570	2,680	750	1,360	820	26,287
TTL STATE	870	815	560	1,660	10,662	888	6,232	570	2,680	2,837	1,990	820	30,584

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
122-125	98-101	87-90	44-47	14-17

**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
75-78	66-72	64-69	44-49	28-32

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
50-52	32-34	18-20

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS -December 23,1999**

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
71.41	60.02	45.82

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	12/20/99	12/13/99	12/21/98
PACIFIC COAST	63	65	116
LOS ANGELES	0	0	59

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR December 21,1999:

	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: 12/12/99-12/18/99  
30-dozen cases 3,562

Receipts from the mainland: 12/5/99-12/11/99  
30-dozen cases 3,622

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