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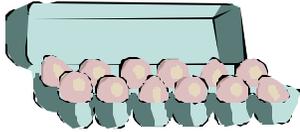
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were mostly lower to occasionally unchanged throughout the country. The market tone ranged no better than steady to at times weak. Demand was generally light to moderate at best, with better movement usually centering around scattered feature activity. Supplies were generally adequate to ample, with medium eggs sometimes noted in the better position. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources, however, demand for additional product was usually mixed as dealers continued to assess the market. Light type hens were fully sufficient for full trade needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 8 cents lower for the larger sizes and unchanged to 3 cents lower for mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 14 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 4 cents lower on mediums, when based on previous week average prices. Prices paid to producers in New England were unchanged. The market tone was no better than steady. Retail demand for brown eggs was good and adjusting for white eggs. Supplies were adequate to at times ample. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular suppliers for the light to good demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for slaughter requirements.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was no better than steady. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate, best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to ample.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago were unchanged. The trade sentiment was mixed, steady to at times weak. Retail and food service demand was light to about fair with the best interest coming from feature activity. Supplies were adequate to instances ample. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light for the usually adequate offerings. Most breakers were watching current market conditions in anticipation of higher prices. Floor stocks were balanced. The trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand light to moderate with scattered feature activity. Supplies adequate to fully adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices were lower. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady entering the week. Demand ranged disappointing at times to about moderate, with better interest usually centering around the limited promotional activity. Supplies of the larger sizes were fully adequate and mediums were generally adequate to balanced at times. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending January 7, 2000, was 76.67 cents, 3.37 cents more than the week before, but 6.38 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources with most dealers cautiously assessing market developments. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current slaughter needs.

**WESTERN** Prices 14 cents lower on all sizes in California; 16 cents lower on the large sizes, 10 cents lower on medium in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 3%. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good, best where features were in progress or planned. Offerings light within the region with heavy buying from the midwest noted.

**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)	103-105	92-94	59-61
New York	67-69	64-67	53-56
Philadelphia	65-73	63-71	52-55
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	58-59	56.5-58	48-49
Jackson (1)	68-69	65-66	57-58
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	65-78	62-76	52-66
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	56-61	55-60	45-50
Detroit (2)	53-56	52-55	41-44
Major Ohio Cities (2)	54-63.5	53-62	42-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	57-64	55-62	45-52
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	73-74	68-70	59-60
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	96	89	78

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

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices 14 cents lower on all sizes. The California inventory was 3% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good. Local offerings light. Purchases of midwest offers heavy. Small invoice price 58. Ads in Northern California: major-large dozen 99, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 99. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	
JUMBO	109	
EXTRA LARGE	96	
LARGE	89	
MEDIUM	78	
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.		
	<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>
	RANGE	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO 239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE 219-239

1 LARGE 199-209 LARGE 189-229

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 14, 2000 will decrease by 9 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 07, 2000 were 276,719 cases which was 15 percent below the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	243,345	33,374	276,719
% change from the prior week.....	-17	-1	-15

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. Demand was light to moderate for the usually adequate offerings. Many breakers were watching current market developments with some anticipation of slightly higher prices. Floor stocks balanced. Trade sentiment steady to instances 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	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
NEST RUN	22-28	25-27	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-14		

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 lower compared to the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5	8.5-12	11.49

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority price were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for reduced but adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-16.5	8-10	9.28
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 Jan 10, 2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.6	10.8	6.2	8.9	7.3	38.8
	Change	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.4	-1.1	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.0	36.2	14.3	22.3	20.4	118.2
	Change	6.3	11.4	3.5	-0.3	3.5	26%
Large	Curr Wk	39.2	84.9	49.9	56.1	78.2	308.3
	Change	7.6	17.1	-4.0	5.3	6.1	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.9	33.5	14.5	18.4	21.7	101.0
	Change	-0.4	0.7	-1.2	1.7	3.2	4%
Small	Curr Wk	3.1	4.0	2.9	4.4	4.4	18.8
	Change	0.4	-1.0	-0.7	-3.5	-1.2	-24%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.1	27.4	6.6	11.2	5.0	56.3
	Change	-0.2	6.7	-0.8	0.7	-1.2	10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	42.8	64.9	15.6	24.0	44.4	191.7
	Change	4.9	-4.6	-1.0	-0.9	-7.4	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	134.7	261.7	110.0	145.3	181.4	833.1
	Change	17%	13%	-4%	2%	1%	7%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	833.1	7%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	446.7	5%	40

Total Shell Egg 1279.8 6% 208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 168 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.

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.

**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 JANUARY 7, 2000  
**CURRENT LOADS** 46.75 **FUTURE LOADS** 6.75 **TOTAL LOADS** 53.50

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	40.00	—	40.75	42.00	43.38	—	13.00		GNR W 1	—	48.00	—	—	—	—	—	8.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00		GL W LG	42.33	47.67	—	—	—	49.25	23.00	
GNR W 3	—	38.00	—	—	30.25	30.50	2.00		GL W MD	31.67	35.00	—	—	—	37.00	3.00	
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		NRBS - 39	17.00	19.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W LG	—	—	37.00	—	39.81	—	18.75										
GL W MD	—	—	33.40	35.20	—	—	2.50										
GL W SM	—	—	20.00	22.33	—	—	3.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	31.00	32.00	—	—	.75										
NRBS - 45	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	—	.50										

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 01/01/00-01/07/00  
**CURRENT LOADS** 136.25 **FUTURE LOADS** 52.25 **TOTAL LOADS** 188.50

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	46.50	43.00	41.81	45.36	43.00	—	41.00		GNR W 1	—	46.13	—	—	—	—	—	17.00
GNR W 2	—	39.50	—	—	—	—	6.00		GNR W 2	—	41.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	38.00	—	—	30.25	30.50	5.00		GNR W 3	—	35.67	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	22.00	24.00	3.00		GNR BR 1	—	70.00	—	—	—	—	—	.50
GNR BR 1	—	—	63.00	67.00	—	—	4.00		GL W J	52.00	—	—	—	—	61.50	1.00	
GNR BR 2	—	—	63.00	62.00	—	—	3.00		GL W XL	42.00	46.00	—	—	—	51.88	5.00	
GL W J	—	—	56.00	58.00	—	—	1.00		GL W LG	42.19	45.83	—	—	—	49.41	27.75	
GL W XL	—	48.00	45.50	48.25	45.83	—	10.75		GL W MD	33.55	35.00	—	—	—	38.00	8.50	
GL W LG	—	46.46	40.00	45.00	40.12	—	30.50		GL W SM	19.00	—	—	—	—	25.00	2.00	
GL W MD	—	39.50	33.62	35.23	34.08	—	21.00		GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W SM	—	—	20.13	22.63	—	—	4.00		GL BR LG	—	72.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		NRBS - 39	17.50	19.50	—	—	—	—	2.00	
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	28.00	7.00										
NRBS - 48	—	30.80	29.86	31.45	27.83	29.38	16.75										
NRBS - 45	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	—	.50										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	21.00	2.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	19.00	20.00	—	—	.25										

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 12/28/99 - 01/01/00**

Origin State	AR	CO	IA	MN	NY	OH	OR	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	1,535	0	0	0	40	1,426	0	744	3,745
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	792	660	0	0	1,452
S. CA	1,806	3,405	8,440	4,657	710	2,528	0	2,320	535	0	24,401
TTL STATE	1,806	3,405	9,975	4,657	710	2,528	832	4,406	535	744	29,598

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
112-125	84-87	73-76	40-43	11-14

**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
61-64	52-58	50-55	39-44	25-29

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
36-38	27-29	15-17

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

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
76.83	65.52	43.44

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

ON HAND	1/3/00	12/29/99	1/4/99
PACIFIC COAST	142	57	79
LOS ANGELES	0	0	25

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR JANUARY 4,2000:

	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: 12/26/99-1/1/00  
30-dozen cases 3,972

Receipts from the mainland: 12/12/99-12/18/99  
30-dozen cases 4,357

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