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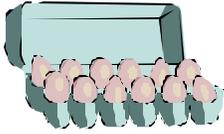
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Boston, prices were unchanged to lower. In Chicago, prices were lower. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to weak, mostly barely steady. Demand was usually light to no better than moderate, mostly fair, with best movement centering around the scattered feature interest. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample, and demand for additional product was generally light to fair. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for current needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston, prices were unchanged to 3 cents lower for extra large, unchanged to 2 cents lower for large, and unchanged for mediums. Prices were unchanged in Philadelphia and New England. Trade sentiment ranged barely steady to weak as the market tested at current values. Demand remained light to generally fair. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate for the light to fair demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for slaughter schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady at present levels. Demand was mostly fair to moderate at times, best for the scattered feature activity. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago decreased 8 cents for the larger sizes, 5 cents for medium, and were unchanged for small. Prices in all other areas were unchanged. Prices reflect changes from the previous Tuesday's reported prices. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand was light to mostly fair with scattered features providing some extra interest. Supplies were adequate to ample for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged this week. Breakers that needed extra product found it very easy to purchase within the quoted ranges. Floor stocks were in close balance. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large declined 3 cents, mediums were 2 cent lower. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. Demand into all outlets light, some noted increased retail activity due to winter weather in the Midwest. Supplies adequate to ample.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Retail demand was about fair to moderate entering the week-end, best for the occasional feature. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate, with the larger sizes in the longest position. Prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower than the current week. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was generally light to fair. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for current processing needs.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 9 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents lower on medium and small in California; 8 cents lower on the large sizes, 5 cents lower on medium in the Northwest. Retailer demand good to cover features, only fair elsewhere. Offerings generally 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)	95-105	85-94	59-61
New York	57-59	54-57	48-51
Philadelphia	55-66	53-64	47-53

SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	56-57	54.5-56	48-49
Jackson (1)	67-68	63-64	57-58
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	64-77	61-75	52-66

MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	46-51	45-50	40-45
Detroit (2)	51-54	50-53	41-44
Major Ohio Cities (2)	52-58.5	51-57	42-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-62	53-60	45-52

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	72-73	67-69	59-60
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	92	85	78
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	76-88	75-82	68-74

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 9 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 58. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 89, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 99-109, extra large dozen 99, 20 pack 2 for \$3, large dozen 89-99.

CALIFORNIA

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	105
EXTRA LARGE	92
LARGE	85
MEDIUM	78

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	92-102
EXTRA LARGE	76-88
LARGE	75-82
MEDIUM	68-74

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. Breakers in need of additional product found no difficulty in purchasing product within the quoted range. Floor stocks were in close balance. Schedules mixed from lighter than normal to full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely 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	25-28	26-28
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		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Demand was somewhat irregular but usually only fair for ample to fully adequate offerings. The undertone was unsettled but generally no better than steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending January 15, 2000 were 9 % less than last week and 1 % less 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	25-29	26-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-14	
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 W/E 15-Jan-00
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,149,885	25,477	12,180	6,673	2,985	3,748
PW	1,165,327	27,154	10,854	6,383	2,753	4,093
LY	1,034,593	23,508	9,888	5,761	2,584	3,210
% PW	-1	-6	12	5	8	-8
% LY	11	8	23	16	16	17
2000	2,315,212	52,631	23,034	13,056	5,738	7,841
1999	2,113,424	48,994	19,278	11,093	5,553	6,521

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.81	41.61	40.95

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS No pasteurized whites or salt yolk reported. Trade sentiment continued generally steady for whole egg, fully steady to firm for whites, and weak for yolk. Lackluster sales of liquid yolk was driving liquid white prices higher. Offerings were adequate for whole egg and whites and fully adequate for yolk with very limited interest.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM Friday 21 January, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	10	20-26	23.55	-.25
WHITES	17	26-30	28.74	1.09
YOLKS	3	32-38	35.17	-.78

EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS Prices were unchanged to higher on whites, whole unchanged, and yolks unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Undertone was in a full range with whites firm and yolks weak. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending January 15, 2000 were 11% less than last week, and 2% 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	36-40	38-39	45-52
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		53-60
WHITES	36-41	37-39	42-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-53	48-51	55-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	44-48	45-46	54-61

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

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS Prices ranged unchanged to higher for frozen whites with whole egg and frozen yolk ranging unchanged to slightly lower. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whites, about steady for whole egg, and weak for yolk. Offerings of frozen products were usually adequate for needs with frozen salt yolk at least adequate to fully adequate. Breaking stock supplies continued in close balance with prices unchanged.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	36-40	37-38
WHITES	36-41	37-39
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-52	49-51
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-49	46-48

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS Prices unchanged on whole, 1 cent higher on whites, and 2 cents lower on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 1/15 was 7% less than the previous week. Breaking stock generally adequate.

Frozen demand fair and freezer stocks adequate.

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

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	43-46	
WHITES	42-45	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-56	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-53	

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Albumen values were unchanged to higher, yolks lower, balance of items were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was barely steady on yolks, fully steady on albumen and about steady to steady on whole and blends. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending January 15, 2000 were 8% more than the previous week, and 16% more than the same week a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.40-1.60	MOSTLY	1.45-1.50
YOLKS	1.18-1.35	MOSTLY	1.20-1.25
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.85-3.10	MOSTLY	2.90-3.05
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.15-1.25	MOSTLY	1.15-1.20

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JAN 14 - JAN 20, 2000

CURRENT LOADS				80.50	FUTURE LOADS				37.75	TOTAL LOADS				118.25
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	34.00	37.00	33.83	35.83	—	—	26.00	GNR W 1	—	33.00	—	—	3.00	
GNR W 2	—	30.00	30.50	32.00	28.25	30.00	4.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GNR W 3	—	30.00	—	28.00	22.29	24.00	8.00	GL W J	—	—	—	42.00	46.50	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	20.50	22.50	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	38.38	42.25	—	—	44.62	8.50
GNR BR 1	—	61.00	63.00	67.00	—	—	5.75	GL W LG	39.23	38.10	—	—	42.75	9.00
GL W XL	39.50	—	39.00	41.00	36.11	—	9.25	GL W MD	28.75	36.00	—	—	35.56	11.25
GL W LG	—	41.00	28.50	37.25	31.63	—	12.25	NRBS - 48	—	28.00	—	—	—	11.00
GL W MD	—	45.00	30.83	33.70	32.13	—	13.25							
GL W SM	—	—	21.25	22.50	—	—	2.00							
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50							
GL BR MD	—	—	—	51.00	—	—	1.00							
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	1.00							
NRBS - 48	—	—	28.00	29.67	24.25	26.00	14.50							
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	28.00	—	—	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 REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was only fair for the adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week reported as normal. Undertone steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand for leghorn fowl was light. Schedules were reduced for a slow finished product demand. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for current processor needs. Many producers were using alternative methods of disposal. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules mixed ranging light to full. Offerings lighter through January, ample for February.

LIVE HENS

Prices paid for live hens (trucklot) cents/pounds at farm.

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (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 21-Jan-00
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	60.37	58.00	50.72
SOUTHERN	63.22	61.24	53.60
MIDWEST	53.87	52.71	44.66
WESTERN	84.33	79.49	72.04
TWELVE METRO AREAS	67.83	64.87	57.31

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were slightly higher on heavy canners freight cost included, balance of canners were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally good for irregular supplies of heavy canner fowl, moderate on light canners. Market conditions were usually reported as steady on lights, and steady to fully steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27 MAJORITY	31-37 MAJORITY 34.5-35.5
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-28 MAJORITY	32-38 MAJORITY 36.5-37.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 08-JAN-00
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**
(THOUSANDS) **LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL**

(NOT AVAILABLE)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
(THOUSANDS) **LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL**
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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA
(THOUSANDS) **LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL**
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**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending January 01, 2000 (000)		Year-To-Date (000)	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	154	0	13,443	14,771
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	26	0	710	783
Total	180	0	14,159	15,604

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

Type	Week Ending January 01, 2000 (000)		Year-To-Date (000)	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	13	0	4,545	3,981
Frozen	19	0	628	224
Dried	0	0	310	235
Total	32	0	5,483	4,440

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

Type	Week Ending January 01, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	18	0	2,448	1,399
Extra Large	73	59	46,775	39,558
Large	5,637	0	163,282	140,009
Medium	1,600	0	56,556	68,505
Ungraded	5,390	0	641,443	371,303
Misc	0	0	11,622	9,117
Total	12,718	59	922,126	629,891

/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
59-62	50-56	48-53	39-44	25-29

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

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
26-28	22-24	15-17

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

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	76-79	66-69	40-43	11-14

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -
SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 17-Jan-00	4,250	84,761	98,497
AM 1-Jan-00	4,288	65,047	75,162
CHG	-38	19714	23335
PCT CHG	-1	30	31

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 15-Jan-00**SELECTED**

CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	26.4	26.9	-2	-19
BOSTON	3.1	3.1	0	-67
CHICAGO	39.8	48.9	-19	-32
DETROIT	27.6	25.9	7	1
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	94.1	96.2	-2	5
NEW ORLEANS	9.3	13.5	-31	-32
NEW YORK	36.7	37.0	-1	-18
ST. LOUIS	17.3	15.6	11	25
SAN FRANCISCO	21.9	21.8	0	-2
TOTAL	276.3	289.0	-4	-11
4 WK MVG AVG	302.6			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 15-Jan-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	243.3	-4	4
E.N. CENTRAL	486.2	1	9
W.N. CENTRAL	195.0	1	7
S. ATLANTIC	198.5	-5	1
S. CENTRAL	76.3	5	-69
WEST	205.8	-2	-9
TOTAL	1405.1	-1	-8

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 93 90

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, JANUARY 18, 2000.
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	117 -	106 -	73 -	44 -
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	109-113 111-112	98-102 100-101	66-70 68-69	37-41 39-40
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	113-117 113	102-106 102	69-73 69	40-44 40
VERMONT MOSTLY	114-120 114	103-110 103	70-75 70	- -

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