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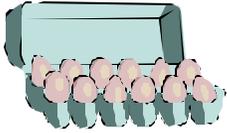
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged throughout the country. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was mostly fair to moderate, with fairly good movement noted for the occasional weekend promotion. In the Central region supplies were closely balanced to adequate, however, ample offerings were noted into the West Coast. In other areas, large eggs were readily available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate, and demand for additional product was slightly improved, although, most purchases remained limited to regular suppliers. Light type hens were mostly ample for normal to heavy slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was generally steady. Retail demand was mostly fair to moderate, with better movement usually noted where limited weekend feature activity was either planned or in progress. Supplies of large eggs were plentiful, however, the extra large and medium sizes were generally adequate to balanced at times. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to available for the fair to moderate demand. Light type fowl were mostly ample for schedules which ranged from normal to heavy.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was about moderate to fairly good, and usually best for weekend promotional activity. Supplies were adequate to available.

MIDWEST Prices ended the week unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was mostly fair with features providing some extra movement. Supplies were well balanced to adequate for all sizes. Central states nest run breaking stock prices remained unchanged. Trading and demand was slightly improved and was fair to fairly good. Offerings and floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time to over-time. The trade sentiment was steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone steady. Retail and food service demand mixed, best where features are a factor. Feature noted on mediums 49 cents limit 4. Supplies mixed adequate to in close balance.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate to fairly good at times, and was usually improved entering the weekend. Supplies of large eggs were available, and the balance of sizes were generally adequate. Prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged from the current week. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to available for the fair to moderate demand. Light type fowl were mostly ample for schedules which ranged from normal to heavy.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was generally steady with asking prices for next week 4 cents higher on jumbo, unchanged on the balance in California, and unchanged on all sizes in the Northwest. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good, best where features ran. Offerings ample, heaviest from outside the region.

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)	84-86	76-78	55-57
New York	54-56	51-54	45-48
Philadelphia	52-54	50-52	44-45

SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	43-44	41.5-43	37-38
Jackson (1)	53-54	50-51	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	50-62	46-60	42-56

MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	40-45	39-44	36-41
Detroit (2)	37-40	36-39	32-35
Major Ohio Cities (2)	38-43	37-41	33-38
Major Wisconsin Cities	41-48	39-46	36-43

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	58-61	53-57	49-52
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	62-74	61-68	58-64
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	78	71	68

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices

(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm on jumbo with asking prices for next week 4 cents higher, steady on the balance with asking prices unchanged. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings ample, heaviest from the midwest. Small invoice price 48. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 99; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 99, extra large dozen 89, 20 pack 149, large dozen 57-99.

CALIFORNIA

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	90
EXTRA LARGE	78
LARGE	71
MEDIUM	68

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	77-87
EXTRA LARGE	62-74
LARGE	61-68
MEDIUM	58-64

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	199-219
MEDIUM	187-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices remain unchanged. Demand had slightly improved and was rated as fair to fairly good. Increased liquid whole egg movement appeared to be the catalyst for the increased demand at this call. Offerings and floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to over-time. 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	24-26

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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 when compared to early week trading. Demand improved but was only fair as buyers still limit purchases to regular suppliers. Offerings were fully adequate for immediate needs. Undertone was about steady at prevailing price levels. Plants were running normal to heavy schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending May 13, 2000 were 7% more than the previous week, but 1% 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	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	22-27	23-25

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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 13-May-00
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,247,507	27,920	12,786	6,700	3,192	4,068
PW	1,255,178	28,159	12,769	7,152	3,146	4,014
LY	1,146,408	26,721	10,799	6,048	2,479	3,603
% PW	-1	-1	0	-6	1	1
% LY	9	4	18	11	29	13
2000	21,781,722	494,468	217,140	118,209	55,337	72,268
1999	20,149,820	458,730	198,925	109,847	50,237	63,240

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.26	41.50	41.15

NATIONAL LIQUID No pasteurized salt yolk or pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady for whole egg, steady to barely steady for whites, and about steady for yolk. Demand for whole egg had improved and was reported as fairly good to good. White demand was light to moderate with interest in yolk usually fair. Additional offerings of whole egg were adequate to instances barely adequate with the balance of liquid products adequate to available. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 19 May, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	31	21-25	23.18	-.39
WHITES	19	25-28.5	26.47	-1.88
YOLKS	13	28-31	28.58	-.60

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices on yolks were unchanged, balance of other items were lower and higher when compared to last week's values. Offerings were usually reported as adequate on yolks and irregular on balance. Interest improved but new trading was still somewhat slow. The undertone was mixed. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending May 13, 2000 were unchanged from last week, and 5% less than a year ago. Shell egg suppliers were fully adequate for current needs. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	36-40	37-39	45-49
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		50-59
WHITES	37-43	38-41	45-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	40-46	44-46	50-56
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	41-43		47-64

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

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Prices were irregular when compared to last week's reported prices with values in a narrower range. Trade sentiment was steady for all products at current price levels. Demand for additional spot loads of frozen product was usually for immediate needs with offerings adequate to fully adequate for current requirements. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	36-40	37-38
WHITES	38-41	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	44-46	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	41-43	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 5/13 was unchanged from the previous week. Breaking stock ample, particularly lighter weights. 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	42-45
WHITES	43-46
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-52
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	46-49

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Majority prices were unchanged on yolks and whole, unchanged to higher on albumen, and irregular on blends when compared to a week earlier. Demand improved but still in a range of light to moderate. Offerings were sufficient for trade requirements. The undertone was steady on yolks, about steady on whole, mixed and unsettled on balance. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending May 13, 2000 were 1% more than the previous week, and 29% higher than the same week a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.38-1.67	MOSTLY	1.40-1.45
YOLKS	1.02-1.37	MOSTLY	1.05-1.10
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.95-3.25	MOSTLY	2.95-3.10
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.10-1.27		

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 12, 2000-MAY 18, 2000

CURRENT LOADS								106.50			FUTURE LOADS			40.25			TOTAL LOADS						146.75		
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS		LOADS		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	28.88	—	29.75	31.45	28.90	30.75	24.00	GNR W 1	27.50	31.00	—	—	—	—	4.00	GNR W 1	27.50	31.00	4.00						
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	GNR W 3	—	28.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 3	—	28.00	1.00						
GNR W 3	—	29.00	27.50	29.00	20.88	22.63	8.00	GL W XL	29.60	32.00	—	—	—	36.81	GL W XL	29.60	32.00	36.81							
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	38.00	3.00	GL W LG	28.82	—	—	—	—	36.80	GL W LG	28.82	—	36.80							
GL W XL	32.25	33.75	—	36.14	31.85	33.00	16.75	GL W MD	27.00	30.57	—	—	—	34.75	GL W MD	27.00	30.57	34.75							
GL W LG	34.00	36.00	32.56	33.90	28.00	—	29.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	33.29	GL W SM	—	—	33.29							
GL W MD	—	—	28.05	29.34	27.23	—	21.25																		
GL W SM	—	24.50	23.42	25.08	26.00	—	10.75																		
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	24.38	26.29	17.00																		
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	16.50	18.00	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 for ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Finished product was fully adequate at about unchanged to slightly lower levels. Undertone was generally steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was light and too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of leghorn fowl. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was weak.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were more than ample for the light to moderate demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings continued to exceed available line time.

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 19-MAY-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	54.51	52.14	46.01
SOUTHERN	51.32	48.98	42.72
MIDWEST	41.24	40.01	36.64
WESTERN	82.10	75.67	60.58
TWELVE METRO AREAS	61.17	57.57	48.80

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged on lights but from .50 to 1 cent lower on heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was unaggressive and at best only fair. Offerings were slow to clear and usually reported as either adequate or available. The undertone was barely steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT
FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22-26 MAJORITY 24-26	30.75-34 MAJORITY 32.5-34

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST
INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-26 MAJORITY	31-35 MAJORITY 33.5-35

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 13-MAY-00

(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	(THOUSANDS)		
HEAD	2,024	1,238	3,262
LAST WEEK	2,124	1,403	3,527
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,375	1,333	3,708
TO-DATE/2000	38,774	25,947	64,721
TO-DATE/1999	41,823	25,497	67,320

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	(THOUSANDS)		
HEAD	364	0	364
LAST WEEK	535	0	535
SAME WEEK YR AGO	484	24	508
TO-DATE/2000	9,785	50	9,835
TO-DATE/1999	9,306	155	9,461

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	2,388	1,238	3,626
LAST WEEK	2,659	1,403	4,062
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,859	1,357	4,216
TO-DATE/2000	48,559	25,997	74,556
TO-DATE/1999	51,129	25,652	76,781

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending May 06, 2000 (000)		Year-To-Date (000)	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	91	583	1,960	5,006
Frozen	0	0	40	6
Dried	0	0	112	174
Total	91	583	2,112	5,186

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

Type	Week Ending May 06, 2000 (000)		Year-To-Date (000)	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	121	210	2,156	1,591
Frozen	1	1	186	95
Dried	0	0	523	10
Total	122	211	2,865	1,696

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending May 06, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	6	17	318	238
Extra Large	480	240	10,433	9,955
Large	2,995	3,184	48,730	35,565
Medium	392	1,110	11,780	16,708
Ungraded	9,000	21,410	55,920	130,939
Misc	0	828	5,310	2,478
Total	12,873	26,789	132,491	195,883

/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. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
45-48	36-42	34-39	30-35	23-27

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

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
20-22	18-20	13-15

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
114-117	65-68	57-60	36-39	14-17

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 15-May-00	3,245	134,330	93,638
AM 1-May-00	3,191	127,404	90,183
CHG	54	6926	3455
PCT CHG	2	5	4

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 13-May-00

SELECTED

CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	17.0	19.3	-12	-37
BOSTON	3.7	4.2	-12	-23
CHICAGO	44.0	35.8	23	-21
DETROIT	25.1	21.5	17	-20
KANSAS CITY	2.5	3.2	-22	-34
LOS ANGELES	89.7	80.1	12	5
NEW ORLEANS	11.4	9.9	15	-5
NEW YORK	38.7	42.8	-10	-13
ST. LOUIS	16.9	13.0	30	39
SAN FRANCISCO	20.7	22.3	-7	3
TOTAL	269.7	252.1	7	-9
4 WK MVG AVG	300.1			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 13-May-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	226.6	4	2
E.N. CENTRAL	486.0	3	10
W.N. CENTRAL	257.8	4	19
S. ATLANTIC	180.9	-5	-6
S. CENTRAL	71.5	-6	-4
WEST	175.4	-4	-26
TOTAL	1398.2	1	1

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NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT,

MAY 16, 2000.

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	98	90	69	47
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	91-95 93-94	83-87 85-86	62-66 64-65	40-44 42-43
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	94-98 94	86-90 86	65-69 65	43-47 43
VERMONT MOSTLY	100-101 101	93-95 93	70-74 74	- -

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