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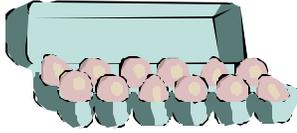
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were generally higher throughout the country. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady. Retail demand ranged fair to good, mostly moderate, and was best for the scattered promotional activity. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate to balanced. Breaking stock offerings were adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product remained limited. Light type hens were ample for the light demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC SHELL In Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher on all sizes. In New England, prices were 1 cent higher on the medium through extra large sizes. In Philadelphia, prices were 1 cent higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good at times. Supplies of all sizes were about adequate to well balanced. Breaking stock offerings were adequate, and demand for additional product was generally limited. Light type fowl were mostly ample for current schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were 1 cent higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to instances good, and weekend clearances were reported as good. Supplies of all sizes were about adequate to well balanced.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 3 cents higher for the larger sizes, 2 cents higher for medium, and up 4 cents for small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail and food service demand was mixed, mostly fair to good with retail features providing the best movement. Supplies were generally adequate for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were about adequate for the light demand. Most breakers were generally satisfied with their regular commitments and were watching market developments. Floor stocks were closely balanced. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

CHICAGO Prices on all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to good. Supplies of larger sizes adequate to barely adequate, smaller sizes adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were higher. The market tone was fully steady. Retail demand was about moderate entering the week, however, weekend clearances were often noted as good. Supplies were mostly adequate to balanced, instances tight. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending May 26, 2000, was 48.98 cents, unchanged from the week before, but 5.84 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to fair demand. Offerings of light type fowl were ample for current schedules.

WESTERN Prices 3 cents higher on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 7% higher than last week with California up 14% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 4%. Retailer demand moderate. 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
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	86-88	78-80	57-59
New York	57-59	54-57	48-51
Philadelphia	53-57	51-55	45-48
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	45-46	43.5-45	39-40
Jackson (1)	55-56	52-53	48-49
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	53-65	49-63	45-59
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	43-48	42-47	38-43
Detroit (2)	40-43	39-42	34-37
Major Ohio Cities (2)	41-46	40-44	35-40
Major Wisconsin Cities	44-51	42-49	38-45
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	60-62	56-58	52-54
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	81	74	71
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 3 cents higher on all sizes. The California inventory was 14% higher than last week. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in good balance. Small invoice price 51. Ads in Northern California: smaller outlets- large dozen 73-99, medium dozen 119.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	97
EXTRA LARGE	81
LARGE	74
MEDIUM	71

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA:	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	219-249
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	189-239
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	169-219
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	139-179

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 02, 2000 will increase by 14 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 26, 2000 were 248,537 cases which was 2 percent below the prior week and 0 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	209,683	38,854	248,537
% change from the prior week.....	-5	+15	-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. Offers were about adequate to adequate for the light demand. Most breakers were watching current market developments and were generally content with regular commitments. Floor stocks closely balanced. Trade sentiment mostly 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
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 Prices were lower compared to the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were less than capacity but were deemed as more than ample for needs. Trade sentiment was weak.

HEAVY HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-15.25	8-9	9.39

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. Processing schedules were generally less than normal due to holiday schedules. Cannerys were usually available. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-14.5	6.25-8.5	8.11
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 May 29, 2000

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.9	11.4	5.7	9.2	7.3	40.5
	Change	0.5	-0.4	-0.7	1.0	0.7	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.7	30.4	8.0	29.9	16.4	105.4
	Change	-4.1	-1.7	-2.0	7.2	-2.7	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	31.4	63.6	43.8	67.2	76.2	282.2
	Change	-3.9	-5.4	-7.9	-1.6	2.3	-6%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.2	27.0	21.8	18.9	24.8	102.7
	Change	-4.4	-4.7	8.2	-0.3	-1.5	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	6.3	3.5	6.2	3.9	23.9
	Change	0.6	-0.1	0.8	1.1	-0.9	7%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.1	19.8	6.7	10.7	6.9	49.2
	Change	-1.2	1.9	0.6	-1.0	1.4	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.1	49.9	16.4	33.1	51.7	170.2
	Change	0.8	1.5	-2.7	8.7	12.8	14%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	97.4	208.4	105.9	175.2	187.2	774.1
	Change	-11%	-4%	-3%	9%	7%	0%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	774.1	0%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	439.7	6%	39

Total Shell Egg 1213.8 2% 209

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 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 MAY 15, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	163	159.9	150.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 15, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	127	127	117	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 29, 2000

CURRENT LOADS							4.00	FUTURE LOADS							6.00	TOTAL LOADS							10.00
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	—	—	32.50	34.00	—	—	3.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																
GL W XL	—	—	—	40.00	36.00	—	1.00																
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00																
GL BR LG	—	42.00	36.00	—	—	—	2.00																

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 05/23/00-05/29/00

CURRENT LOADS							77.75	FUTURE LOADS							52.75	TOTAL LOADS							130.50
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	29.00	31.33	29.67	31.57	29.50	31.50	21.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	33.00	35.25	2.00								
GNR W 2	29.00	30.00	—	—	28.10	29.00	8.00	GNR W 2	—	33.67	—	—	29.00	32.00	6.00								
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	28.75	30.50	3.00	GNR W 3	—	33.50	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GNR BR 1	—	31.00	—	—	—	39.00	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	64.50	1.00								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	53.00	—	1.00	GL W XL	35.00	37.00	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GL W XL	—	38.00	—	38.71	34.67	—	23.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	40.67	11.75								
GL W LG	—	39.00	31.00	33.00	32.40	—	18.75	GL W MD	29.00	—	—	36.00	32.00	36.03	10.00								
GL W MD	26.75	33.17	28.88	30.50	27.93	—	17.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	28.50	31.00	.75								
GL W SM	—	—	24.75	28.00	—	—	1.50	NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	28.13	29.88	2.00								
GL BR LG	—	42.00	36.00	—	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	18.00																

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 05/14/00 - 05/21/00

Origin State	AR	CA	CO	IL	IA	MI	MN	MO	OH	OR	PA	TX	UT	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	330	0	0	3,070	0	2,514	0	0	838	0	0	2,460	0	9,212
C. CA	0	0	770	0	2,450	0	2,580	0	0	1,980	0	846	0	0	8,626
S. CA	750	800	8,110	850	19,856	2,491	7,394	1,596	1,920	0	453	3,260	1,710	808	49,998
TTL STATE	750	1,130	8,880	850	25,376	2,491	12,488	1,596	1,920	2,818	453	4,106	4,170	808	67,836

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
114-117	68-71	60-63	39-42	15-18

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
48-51	39-45	37-42	32-37	27-31

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
23-25	20-22	17-19

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
57.76	54.02	46.56

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	5/22/00	5/15/00	5/24/99
PACIFIC COAST	508	455	230
LOS ANGELES	405	333	170

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR MAY 23, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.38
LARGE	143-150	148.14
MEDIUM	124-135	132.10
SMALL	105-109	106.04

Receipts from the mainland: 5/15/00-5/19/00
30-dozen cases 3,263

Receipts from the mainland: 5/8/00-5/12/00
30-dozen cases 4,508

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