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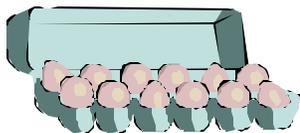
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged to higher in all areas, except for New York and Chicago. The market tone was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand into all outlets was fair to good, best where items were featured. Supplies of all sizes were barely adequate to adequate, mostly in good balance and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings ranged tight to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were ample for slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 3.5 cents higher on all sizes; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 5 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 4 cents higher on mediums, when based on previous week average prices. Prices paid to producers in New England were unchanged. Demand was fair to good, best where featured. Supplies were generally balanced and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were ample for the light and unaggressive demand.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady. Retail demand was fair to good, best where features were in progress. Supplies were in good balance and held with increased confidence.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were higher for all sizes. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail demand was fair to good with features providing some extra interest. One feature noted was 18 count large for 75 cents. Food service movement usually good. Supplies were in good balance to instances close for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was light to moderate with some production being diverted into grading channels for more attractive prices. Schedules were full-time at best. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

CHICAGO Prices on all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand ranged from light to good, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies generally adequate to barely adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida prices were sharply higher. The market tone was fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good entering the week. Supplies were generally adequate to balanced. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending June 2, 2000, was 51.24 cents, 2.26 more than the week before, but 13.83 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the unaggressive demand. Offerings of light type fowl were ample for current schedules.

WESTERN Prices 9 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents higher on medium and small in California; 7 cents higher on all sizes in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last week with California up 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 9%. Retailer demand good overall, best to cover features. 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)	91-93	83-85	61-63
New York	61-63	58-61	52-55
Philadelphia	56.5-61	54.5-59	48.5-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	52-53	50.5-52	45-46
Jackson (1)	62-63	59-60	54-55
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	59-71	55-69	49-63
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	50-55	49-54	41-46
Detroit (2)	47-50	46-49	37-40
Major Ohio Cities (2)	48-53	47-51	38-43
Major Wisconsin Cities	51-58	49-56	41-48
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	67-69	62-64	56-58
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	89	83	74

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

CALIFORNIA Prices 9 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 2% higher than last week. Retailer demand good, best where features in progress and planned. Offerings in good balance. Small invoice price 54. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79-119, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	
JUMBO	106	
EXTRA LARGE	90	
LARGE	83	
MEDIUM	74	
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.		
	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO 219-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE 195-239
LARGE	199-219	LARGE 175-229
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM 139-179

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 09, 2000 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending June 02, 2000 were 278,926 cases which was 12 percent above the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	239,239	39,687	278,926
% change from the prior week.....	+14	+2	+12

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. Trading and demand was light to moderate with some operators switching production into graded channels as those values are enhanced. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Schedules full-time at best. Trade sentiment steady to 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 MOSTLY

NEST RUN	26-30	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-15	

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 Trading levels continue to decline. Offerings were at least adequate for a slow demand at processing plants. Finished sales were light with production levels at or above desired levels. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-JUN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-14	8-10	8.98

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light as offerings were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear.

Processing schedules were generally normal to heavy. Canners were reported as adequate to 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 05-JUN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-14.5	5.75-8.25	8.54
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 June 5, 2000STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.0	11.2	6.4	8.2	7.1	39.9
	Change	0.1	-0.2	0.7	-1.0	-0.2	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.3	30.6	8.9	20.8	17.6	100.2
	Change	1.6	0.2	0.9	-9.1	1.2	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	26.5	57.0	41.2	68.0	70.0	262.7
	Change	-4.9	-6.6	-2.6	0.8	-6.2	-7%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.7	31.0	19.5	28.2	29.8	117.2
	Change	-1.5	4.0	-2.3	9.3	5.0	14%
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	5.6	3.0	6.7	6.3	25.4
	Change	-0.2	-0.7	-0.5	0.5	2.4	6%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.8	20.3	5.6	10.1	5.3	46.1
	Change	-0.3	0.5	-1.1	-0.6	-1.6	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.8	52.6	16.9	26.0	47.8	162.1
	Change	-0.3	2.7	0.5	-7.1	-3.9	-5%
Total	Curr Wk	91.9	208.3	101.5	168.0	183.9	753.6
Percent	Change	-6%	0%	-4%	-4%	-2%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	753.6	-3%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	454.2	3%	39
Total Shell Egg	1207.8	0%	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.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

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 22, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	163	159.9	150.9	109.9
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 22, 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 JUNE 2, 2000

CURRENT LOADS							FUTURE LOADS							TOTAL LOADS						
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	—	—	37.50	39.00	—	—	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00						
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	50.00	54.00	.50						
GNR W 3	—	—	—	34.00	30.00	—	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	49.00	53.00	.75						
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	GL W MD	31.25	—	—	37.50	34.00	37.75	6.50						
GL W XL	—	—	—	46.00	41.50	—														
GL W LG	—	—	40.00	42.00	—	—														
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	28.50	—														
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	29.50	31.00								4.00						

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 05/27/00-06/02/00

CURRENT LOADS							FUTURE LOADS							TOTAL LOADS						
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	33.67	46.00	35.00	36.14	40.00	—	GNR W 1	—	43.50	—	—	—	—	7.00						
GNR W 2	—	—	31.50	33.00	33.25	38.50	GNR W 2	—	44.00	—	—	—	—	6.00						
GNR W 3	—	—	—	33.00	29.50	33.50	GNR W 3	—	37.50	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GNR W 4	—	—	25.50	27.00	—	—	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	50.00	52.71	3.50						
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	44.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	49.00	51.27	6.00						
GL W XL	—	48.00	—	43.43	40.05	—	GL W MD	31.33	—	—	37.50	34.00	37.42	9.00						
GL W LG	42.67	46.05	38.00	39.80	41.71	—	GL W SM	28.00	33.00	—	—	32.00	33.17	4.00						
GL W MD	—	—	—	39.00	29.58	—														
GL W SM	—	29.00	—	—	—	—														
GL BR LG	—	42.00	36.00	—	—	—														
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	27.85	29.32								12.00						

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 05/21/00 - 05/27/00

Origin State	CA	CO	IL	IN	IA	MI	MN	NH	NC	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	0	0	3,477	0	3,324	0	0	810	2,876	0	840	0	11,327
C. CA	0	1,770	0	0	6,690	0	1,710	720	0	0	1,765	846	720	3,168	17,389
S. CA	1,168	3,160	850	810	18,449	2,620	3,158	0	414	6,230	0	3,860	2,620	0	43,339
TTL STATE	1,168	4,930	850	810	28,616	2,620	8,192	720	414	7,040	4,641	4,706	4,180	3,168	72,055

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
117-120	72-75	64-67	42-45	18-21

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
55-58	46-52	44-49	35-40	31-35

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
30-32	23-25	21-23

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
63.43	58.94	49.91

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	5/29/00	5/22/00	5/31/99
PACIFIC COAST	449	508	216
LOS ANGELES	359	405	156

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR MAY 30, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.36
LARGE	143-150	148.14
MEDIUM	124-135	132.10
SMALL	105-109	106.04

Receipts from the mainland: 5/21/00-5/27/00
30-dozen cases 3,888

Receipts from the mainland: 5/14/00-5/20/00
30-dozen cases 3,263

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