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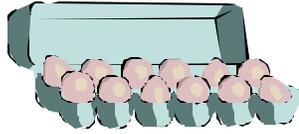
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In Ohio and Florida, prices were unchanged to lower on the larger sizes. In the Midwest and Southern regions, prices were unchanged to higher on medium eggs. On the West coast, prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone ranged steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Retail demand was usually light to moderate, occasionally good where attractive feature activity was a factor. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate to instances barely adequate, and medium eggs were often in the tighter position. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient, and demand for additional product was about moderate. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was about steady. Demand ranged light to moderate, best where features were a factor. Offerings of all sizes were generally adequate. Breaking stock supplies were at least adequate for the fair demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for current needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were available. Supplies were generally adequate on all sizes.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Wisconsin cities were 2 cents higher for mediums and unchanged on the balance of the sizes. Prices in major Ohio cities were mixed with the larger sizes unchanged to 2 cents lower and mediums up 2 cents. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was fair to good, best into feature activity. Two features noted in Iowa were 18 count large for 77 cents and one dozen large for 49 cents. Food service movement was good to very good. Supplies were adequate to instances barely adequate with mediums in the tightest position. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Floor stocks were adequate to instances fully adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment generally steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies mixed but generally adequate for all sizes.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta, prices were higher on mediums, unchanged on the balance. In Florida, prices were slightly lower on the larger sizes, unchanged on mediums and smalls. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was generally improved entering the week, and ranged fair to fairly good. Supplies were about adequate to balanced, and often held with confidence. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending July 14, 2000, was 55.45 cents, .93 cents less than the previous week, but 5.22 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings of lighter weight eggs continue to be available to plants, and demand was fair but usually unaggressive for any additional product. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for current processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices in California 1 cent higher on jumbo, extra large and large, 5 cents higher on medium and small; in the Northwest unchanged on the large sizes, 2 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 12% lower than last Monday with California down 12% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 12%. Retailer demand fairly good. 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)	92-94	84-86	57-59
New York	60-62	57-60	41-44
Philadelphia	58-60	56-58	40-41
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	50-51	48.5-50	33-34
Jackson (1)	60-61	57-58	42-43
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	57-69	53-67	40-54
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	47-52	46-51	34-39
Detroit (2)	44-47	43-46	30-33
Major Ohio Cities (2)	45-51	44-49	31-37
Major Wisconsin Cities	48-55	46-53	34-41
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	65-67	60-62	48-50
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	84	75	63
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 1 cent higher on jumbo, extra large, large; 5 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 12% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings light. Small invoice price 43. Ads in Northern California: major - large dozen 79, buy 1 get 1 free.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	105
EXTRA LARGE	84
LARGE	75
MEDIUM	63

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 239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE 205-239
LARGE	199-209	LARGE 189-209
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM 149-179

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 21, 2000 will decrease by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 14, 2000 were 241,055 cases which was 20 percent below the prior week and 20 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	204,402	36,653	241,055
% change from the prior week.....	-23	+2	-20

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 unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings usually sufficient for current needs. Floor stocks adequate to instances fully adequate. 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	MOSTLY	
NEST RUN	26-29	27-28
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 Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light for ample supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were no better than fair with current supplies available if needed. 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 17-JUL-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-15	6-8	7.94

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority price ranged from slightly higher to lower when compared to values a week earlier. Demand was slow and unaggressive for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. The market tone was no better than barely steady.

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	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2.5-14	3.5-7	5.97

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 July 17,2000

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	7.6	13.9	3.9	7.5	9.1	42.0
	Change	2.1	1.1	-0.3	-2.3	-1.4	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.1	38.4	8.3	21.8	16.8	106.4
	Change	-2.8	-5.5	-2.8	-5.2	-4.0	-16%
Large	Curr Wk	34.4	83.8	34.8	51.8	68.4	273.2
	Change	0.5	-10.0	-13.0	-16.3	-18.7	-17%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.4	25.1	11.6	21.7	20.5	89.3
	Change	-0.2	0.5	-3.7	2.4	-3.2	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	5.6	9.9	2.0	6.3	6.3	30.1
	Change	2.0	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	2.4	13%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	19.8	7.7	10.8	5.6	48.5
	Change	-1.0	2.9	0.3	-4.2	-2.5	-8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.6	55.3	17.6	37.5	38.8	176.8
	Change	0.9	-1.1	-0.6	1.4	4.9	3%
Total	Curr Wk	111.3	246.2	85.9	157.4	165.5	766.3
Percent	Change	1%	-5%	-19%	-13%	-12%	-9%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	766.3	-9%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	488.2	5%	39
Total Shell Egg	1254.5	-4%	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 JULY 03, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	165	161.9	152.9	109.9
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 03, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	129	129	119	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 14, 2000

CURRENT LOADS								19.00				FUTURE LOADS				6.75				TOTAL LOADS				25.75			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS													
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS												
GNR W 1	—	—	35.50	37.00	—	—	4.00	GNR W 1	33.00	—	—	48.00	—	42.00	4.00												
GNR W 2	—	—	34.50	36.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	53.00	—	55.00	4.00												
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	30.40	32.00	31.00	—	—	36.75	3.50												
GNR BR 1	—	—	42.00	43.00	—	—	1.00																				
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50																				
GL W LG	—	44.00	38.00	43.50	45.00	—	9.25																				
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																				
GL W SM	—	—	17.00	20.00	—	—	.75																				
GL BR SM	—	—	15.00	18.00	—	—	.75																				

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 07/08/00-07/14/00

CURRENT LOADS								110.25				FUTURE LOADS				57.75				TOTAL LOADS				168.00			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS													
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS												
GNR W 1	33.00	38.60	34.40	36.29	33.33	32.50	24.00	GNR W 1	30.94	36.50	—	48.00	—	41.11	15.00												
GNR W 2	—	—	34.50	36.00	28.50	31.50	4.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	54.50	56.00	1.00												
GNR W 4	21.00	—	23.00	24.27	—	—	3.75	GL W XL	34.00	44.00	—	48.00	—	43.28	6.50												
GNR BR 1	—	—	41.75	42.75	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	37.00	36.00	—	46.75	—	50.53	10.75												
GL W XL	—	42.50	42.50	43.40	36.15	38.00	16.50	GL W MD	29.93	30.50	31.00	—	—	34.85	12.75												
GL W LG	—	41.70	37.80	41.20	40.40	—	29.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00												
GL W MD	—	27.00	22.31	23.87	25.50	27.57	19.25																				
GL W SM	20.50	23.00	18.82	20.91	—	—	3.75																				
GL BR SM	—	—	15.00	18.00	—	—	.75																				
NRBS - 50	—	—	28.00	29.00	—	—	.25																				
NRBS - 48	—	31.00	—	—	28.00	29.00	25.50																				
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	22.62	23.92	3.75																				
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	19.50	21.00	1.00																				
NRBS - 39	—	—	15.00	16.00	—	20.00	11.00																				

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 07/02/00 - 07/08/00

Origin	AR	CA	CO	IA	MN	MO	NH	OH	OR	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	0	1,391	0	2,068	0	0	0	0	4,533	1,580	0	9,552
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	804	528	1,332
S. CA	860	72	2,546	9,760	3,910	2,496	780	768	0	2,250	0	23,442
TTL STATE	860	1,463	2,546	11,828	3,910	2,496	780	768	4,533	4,614	528	34,326

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
119-122	73-76	65-68	38-41	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
52-55	43-49	41-46	28-33	22-26

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
27-29	16-18	12-14

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
64.84	48.53	41.26

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	7/11/00	7/4/00	7/13/99
PACIFIC COAST	90	627	220
LOS ANGELES	0	546	213

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR JULY 11, 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: 7/2/00-7/8/00
30-dozen cases 3,540

Receipts from the mainland: 6/18/00-6/24/00
30-dozen cases 2,980

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