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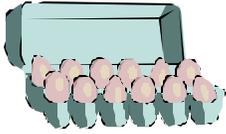
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were higher on mediums. In Boston, prices were unchanged to lower on large. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances firm, mostly steady. Retail buying interest was moderate to good, best where feature activity was in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate; brown eggs were available at discounted prices. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate to fully adequate for the moderate to instances good demand. Light type fowl were adequate for processing needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower on large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. In Philadelphia and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good, better where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were generally adequate on white eggs and brown eggs were available at discounted prices. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were adequate for processing needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies on all sizes were generally adequate.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin increased one cent on mediums, balance unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to occasionally fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good, best for scattered feature activity. Supplies were adequate. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged, checks and undergrades were 1 cent higher. Offerings were about adequate to adequate for the moderate to instances good demand. Some breakers taking a wait and see approach before purchasing additional nest run product. The trade sentiment was steady. Light type hen offers were ample to burdensome. Excess birds are alternatively processed as slaughter plant schedules are full. Trade sentiment barely steady.

CHICAGO Medium prices increased 1 cent, extra large and large unchanged. Trade sentiment generally steady. Retail and distributive demand moderate with scattered feature activity in progress or planned. Supplies adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply higher than current week values. Retail buying interest was moderate to good with several features planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were generally adequate for all sizes. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for supplies that were adequate, but not as available as previous week. Light type hens were adequate for processor's requirements.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 5 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents higher on medium and small in California; 3 cents higher on all sizes in the Northwest. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

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)	98-100	87-91	63-65
New York	69-71	66-69	50-53
Philadelphia	61.5-67	59.5-67	44.5-50
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	58-59	56.5-58	39-40
Jackson (1)	68-69	65-66	48-49
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	66-78	62-76	45-59
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	59-64	58-63	42-47
Detroit (2)	53-56	52-55	36-39
Major Ohio Cities (2)	54-60	53-59	37-43
Major Wisconsin Cities	57-64	55-62	40-47

WESTERN CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Houston (1)	73-77	69-72	52-54
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	78-90	75-82	63-69
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	94	85	73
(1) - Prices Reported Weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice Prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices To Retailers		

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 5 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand light to only fair. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 53. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 109, extra large dozen 89-99, large dozen 89-99, medium dozen with coupon 25, 2 for 77.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	115
EXTRA LARGE	94
LARGE	85
MEDIUM	73

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	102-112
EXTRA LARGE	78-90
LARGE	75-82
MEDIUM	63-69

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 Nest run prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Offerings were about adequate to adequate for the moderate to instances good demand. Some breakers were taking a wait and see approach to the market. Schedules generally full-time. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. 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	34-38	36-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-23	
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 Majority prices were two cents higher when compared to early week trading. Supplies were not as available but usually adequate for processing schedules. Demand was light to moderate but still unaggressive for any additional supplies. The market tone was generally steady to fully steady, even though traders were cautious and closely watching further market developments. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending July 22, 2000 were 4% less than last week, but 6% more than a year earlier.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	31-36	31-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-22	
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 22-Jul-00
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,213,970	28,001	11,887	6,186	3,190	4,171
PW	1,253,809	27,682	12,847	6,876	3,505	4,177
LY	1,088,863	26,034	9,924	4,849	2,413	3,483
% PW	-3	1	-7	-10	-9	0
% LY	11	8	20	28	32	20
2000	33,755,995	763,135	340,645	182,720	85,421	111,723
1999	31,490,498	726,513	304,647	166,886	76,354	98,929

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.39	41.14	40.68

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites reported at 26 and 28.5 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported at 45 cents cents fob. Trade sentiment steady to mostly fully steady on whole egg, about steady for whites, and firm for yolk. Yolk offerings were tight to adequate with the balance of products adequate or available for current requirements. Demand was fairly good for whole egg, just fair for whites, and good for yolk. Schedules generally full-time. Breaking stock supplies were balanced to adequate.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 28 July, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	18	32-34	33.06	5.73
WHITES	17	24.5-27.5	25.76	.67
YOLKS	6	38-41	39.50	

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged on whites, balance of items were higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand improved and was fairly good for yolks, but somewhat slow on whites. Supplies were about adequate to adequate, however sellers were more confident on markets. The undertone was about steady on whites, but fully steady to firm on balance. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending July 22, 2000 were 3% less than last week, but 10% more than a year ago. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	41-44	42-43	48-51
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		52-59
WHITES	36-40	37-39	44-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	46-50	46-49	51-55
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	43-49	44-48	48-58

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

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen white prices continued unchanged with the balance of products unchanged to higher when compared to last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady for whole egg, fully steady to firm for yolk, and generally steady for whites. Offerings were adequate for current needs with demand usually moderate to occasionally good. Most processors were comfortable with current floor stocks. Breaking stock supplies were balanced to adequate.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	41-44	42-43
WHITES	37-39	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	47-50	48-50
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	44-47	45-47

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent higher on whole, 3 cents higher on sugar yolks, unchanged on whites and salt yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 7/22 was 2% less than the previous week. Breaking stock offerings more available. Frozen demand fair and freezer stocks adequate.

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

	RANGE
WHOLE	47-50
WHITES	42-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-55
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	46-49

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Majority prices were unchanged on albumen, but higher on whole and yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand improved and was moderate for the available supplies. Offerings were about adequate to adequate but usually held with confidence for future shipments. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending July 22, 2000 were 9% less than the previous week, but 32% more than the same week a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.42-1.65	MOSTLY 1.50-1.55
YOLKS	.99-1.20	MOSTLY 1.08-1.15
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.88-3.15	MOSTLY 2.90-3.00
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.15-1.25	

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUL 21, 2000-JUL 27, 2000

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
103.75								89.25							
SE				NE				MW				SC			
TOTAL LOADS				193.00				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	39.00	51.75	43.50	44.00	47.00	—	63.00	GNR W 1	—	51.48	—	—	—	—	45.00
GNR W 2	—	47.00	—	—	41.00	44.00	10.00	GNR W 2	—	48.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 3	31.00	—	31.50	33.00	31.50	—	4.50	GNR W 3	—	35.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	47.00	—	—	1.75	GL W XL	47.88	—	—	—	—	57.88	6.75
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	49.71	55.00	—	—	—	58.02	13.00
GL W XL	—	53.33	48.50	50.50	47.49	—	22.50	GL W MD	31.63	46.60	—	—	—	38.33	7.50
GL W LG	—	53.22	45.50	47.00	49.56	52.00	24.25	GL W SM	20.00	—	—	—	—	25.00	1.00
GL W MD	—	—	32.25	34.00	30.00	31.00	8.50	NRBS - 48	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W SM	20.75	22.63	20.61	22.89	—	—	4.25	NRBS - 36	17.50	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	31.00	33.00	35.63	36.85	29.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	2.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	19.88	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. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Supplies were adequate for processors needs, however offerings were not available as a week earlier. Processing schedules for next week were about normal. Finished product was fully adequate for trade requirements. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for at least to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings ample to burdensome for the mostly moderate demand. A large number of excess birds were making their way into alternative processing facilities as schedules in slaughter plants are full. Trade sentiment barely steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

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 28-JUL-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	67.78	65.40	49.58
SOUTHERN	65.61	63.27	44.99
MIDWEST	58.01	56.91	41.02
WESTERN	86.40	79.80	66.86
TWELVE METRO AREAS	72.06	68.44	53.51
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were unchanged to lower on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Supplies of canners were fully adequate to ample for trade needs. Demand was light and unaggressive. The undertone was unsettled but generally cautious and barely steady to weak.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
 25 MAJORITY
 CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
 24.5-27.25 MAJORITY 26-27.25
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
 24-25.5 MAJORITY 25-25.5
HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
 26.5-29 MAJORITY 28-29

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 22-JUL-00 (PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	1,959	1,609	3,568
LAST WEEK	1,882	1,428	3,310
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,217	1,507	3,724
TO-DATE/2000	56,984	40,635	97,619
TO-DATE/1999	62,846	39,396	102,242

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	332	29	361
LAST WEEK	587	16	603
SAME WEEK YR AGO	471	10	481
TO-DATE/2000	14,004	124	14,128
TO-DATE/1999	14,358	192	14,550

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	2,291	1,638	3,929
LAST WEEK	2,469	1,444	3,913
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,688	1,517	4,205
TO-DATE/2000	70,988	40,759	111,747
TO-DATE/1999	77,204	39,588	116,792

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending Jul 15, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)	1999 /1	(000)	1999
Liquid	182	58	3,361	7,961
Frozen	0	0	126	6
Dried	18	0	304	333
Total	200	58	3,791	8,300

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

Type	Week Ending Jul 15, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)	1999 /1	(000)	1999
Liquid	111	27	3,234	2,318
Frozen	28	17	406	158
Dried	33	0	643	141
Total	172	44	4,283	2,617

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

Type	Week Ending Jul 15, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	60	0	861	567
Extra Large	1,194	400	23,585	17,749
Large	3,168	2,454	78,810	66,800
Medium	942	1,020	18,585	27,927
Ungraded	11,250	14,140	143,644	300,631
Misc	750	120	6,987	3,588
Total	17,364	18,134	272,472	417,262

/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
61-64	52-58	50-55	34-39	22-26

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

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
39-41	24-26	12-14

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

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
119-122	79-82	68-71	44-47	15-18

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 24-Jul-00	3,800	161,394	95,092
AM 1-Jul-00	3,234	150,279	93,719
CHG	566	11115	1373
PCT CHG	18	7	1

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 22-Jul-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	17.0	18.9	-10	-36
BOSTON	4.0	3.6	11	5
CHICAGO	40.8	52.1	-22	5
DETROIT	32.8	26.0	26	50
KANSAS CITY	3.1	2.9	7	3
LOS ANGELES	101.1	106.7	-5	25
NEW ORLEANS	9.3	11.0	-15	0
NEW YORK	34.8	34.4	1	-7
ST. LOUIS	17.8	14.8	20	87
SAN FRANCISCO	21.2	22.2	-5	16
TOTAL	281.9	292.6	-4	13
4 WK MVG AVG	275.4			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 22-Jul-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS LAST YEAR	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	
N. ATLANTIC	218.4	3	1
E.N. CENTRAL	497.0	-2	10
W.N. CENTRAL	262.2	5	16
S. ATLANTIC	186.1	0	0
S. CENTRAL	75.6	-1	9
WEST	193.8	-6	0
TOTAL	1433.1	0	7

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NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	112	103	77	48
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	104-108	95-99	69-73	41-45
	106-107	97-98	71-72	43-44
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	108-112	99-103	73-77	44-48
	108	99	73	44
VERMONT MOSTLY	115	105-106	79-80	-
	-	106	80	-

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