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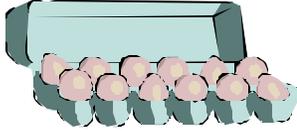
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in Boston were unchanged to lower. Otherwise, prices in the Eastern region were mostly unchanged to slightly higher compared to last week. All other prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand ranged light to good, mostly moderate, and was best where featured. Supplies were adequate on all sizes. Breaking stock supplies were tight to adequate. Breakers seeking product beyond regular commitments were facing higher prices. Light type hens were sufficient for processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on all sizes; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower on extra large and medium and unchanged for large, when based on previous week average prices. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady for white eggs and unsettled on brown eggs. Demand was fair to good, best into first of the month business and feature activity. Supplies were generally adequate on all sizes. Breaking stock supplies from regular sources usually met processing needs. Light type hens were adequate for slaughter requirements.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to good, best where features were in progress. Supplies were generally adequate for trading needs.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged in all areas. The trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail and food service demand was mixed, mostly fair to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to one cent higher. Offerings were tight to adequate for the mostly good demand. Breakers needing fill-in product were bidding the top side of the quoted range. Floor stocks were in balance to adequate. The trade sentiment was steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand mixed and ranged from light to good, and best where features activity was a factor. Supplies of all sizes adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices to consumers were unchanged in Atlanta. Extra large through medium were higher in Florida and all other prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady to fully steady. Retail demand was fair to good, best where featured. Supplies continued generally adequate on all sizes. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending August 4, 2000 was 67.40 cents, 4.13 cents more than the week before and 13.42 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate from regular sources, however additional eggs demanded higher prices. Light type hens were adequate for current processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 6% higher than last Monday with California up 10% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 2%. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings fully 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.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	96-100	87-89	61-65
New York	69-71	66-69	50-53
Philadelphia	67-69	65-67	49-50
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	62-63	60.5-62	41-42
Jackson (1)	72-73	69-70	50-51
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	71-83	67-81	47-61
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	59-64	58-63	42-47
Detroit (2)	59-62	58-61	38-41
Major Ohio Cities (2)	57-63	56-62	39-45
Major Wisconsin Cities	63-70	61-68	42-49
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	79-82	74-76	54-57
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	99	90	76

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

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 10% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings fully adequate. Small invoice price 56. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 119, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen buy 87-88, medium dozen 74.

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

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	120		
EXTRA LARGE	99		
LARGE	90		
MEDIUM	76		
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	239-259
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	209-249
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	187-229
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	149-183

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 11, 2000 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 04, 2000 were 276,308 cases which was 18 percent above the prior week and 39 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	238,159	38,149	276,308
% change from the prior week.....	+21	+5	+18

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate at this call with demand mostly good. Breakers needing fill-in nest runs were bidding the top side of the quoted range. 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	36-38	37-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-24	

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 were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light to moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Line times were at desired levels with current production at least adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-AUG-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10	5-7	6.50

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light for adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for current week are about normal to heavy. The market tone was barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-AUG-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2.75-9.75	2.75-6	4.84
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		*

WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Aug 07,2000

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	10.6	14.2	4.4	12.0	7.7 48.9
	Change	0.6	0.6	-0.3	2.3	-1.2 4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.9	37.1	10.5	25.1	20.8 113.4
	Change	-1.3	5.2	1.3	-0.7	3.5 8%
Large	Curr Wk	26.8	75.5	47.1	68.3	75.8 293.5
	Change	-7.2	4.7	4.0	-2.5	0.9 0%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.8	36.2	13.8	27.5	24.7 113.0
	Change	2.3	9.9	-1.3	0.9	1.4 13%
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	7.5	2.4	8.4	3.9 26.0
	Change	-2.0	-1.8	0.0	-0.6	-0.8 -17%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.5	21.5	7.6	11.2	6.3 52.1
	Change	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.6	-1.0 -3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.6	45.2	17.8	31.7	44.6 157.9
	Change	0.7	-2.0	1.8	0.2	6.9 5%
Total	Curr Wk	96.0	237.2	103.6	184.2	183.8 804.8
Percent	Change	-6%	7%	5%	-1%	6% 3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	804.8	3%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	434.8	-3%	39

Total Shell Egg	1239.6	1%	211
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 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

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the ADJUSTED 5-area total for the previous week is 781.0. The adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons.

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 25, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	169	165.9	156.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 25, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	132	132	122	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 04, 2000

CURRENT LOADS							20.25	FUTURE LOADS							24.00	TOTAL LOADS							44.25
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	—	49.00	43.25	45.00	—	—	16.00	GNR W 1	—	49.00	—	—	—	—	12.00								
GNR W 3	29.00	—	—	32.00	42.00	—	2.00	GNR W 3	—	45.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	43.33	48.00	4.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	53.50	3.00								
GL W LG	—	—	45.00	47.00	42.00	—	3.50	GL W LG	46.00	47.50	—	—	—	51.00	3.50								
GL W MD	—	—	22.43	24.14	—	—	1.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	3.00								
NRBS - 48	—	40.00	—	—	36.00	—	10.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	25.75	28.00	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.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/31/00-08/04/00

CURRENT LOADS							75.75	FUTURE LOADS							113.75	TOTAL LOADS							189.50
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	42.00	—	43.00	44.80	—	—	51.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	37.00								
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	37.00	40.00	5.00	GNR W 3	—	45.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GNR W 3	28.33	—	—	32.00	36.50	—	5.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	67.00	1.50								
GNR BR 1	—	—	43.00	44.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	50.00	—	—	—	—	53.86	6.00								
GNR BR 2	—	—	45.00	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	47.56	47.50	—	54.00	52.00	53.63	13.00								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	54.50	—	1.50	GL W MD	27.09	—	—	—	31.00	33.40	3.75								
GL W XL	—	48.50	50.00	51.50	46.93	—	24.75	GL W SM	15.00	—	—	—	—	22.00	3.00								
GL W LG	—	—	44.40	47.50	44.86	56.00	19.50	NRBS - 48	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	3.00								
GL W MD	—	—	25.12	26.82	33.90	—	14.00																
GL W SM	18.25	21.25	18.85	20.81	18.75	20.00	8.25																
NRBS - 50	—	—	34.50	36.00	—	—	.25																
NRBS - 48	—	40.00	—	—	35.80	38.00	26.50																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	31.56	34.00	4.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	23.00	24.50	27.67	29.60	5.25																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	19.75	22.00	5.00																

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 07/23/00 - 07/29/00

Origin	CA	CO	IA	MI	MN	MO	NH	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	36	0	5,080	0	2,900	0	0	0	1,454	0	2,646	0	0	12,116
C. CA	528	660	4,210	0	0	0	0	3,380	0	0	2,160	0	850	11,788
S. CA	1,056	6,556	9,056	1,884	3,012	6,918	850	1,780	0	1,080	1,019	0	0	33,211
TOTAL STATE	1,620	7,216	18,346	1,884	5,912	6,918	850	5,160	1,454	1,080	5,825	0	850	57,115

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	77-80	68-71	42-45	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
67-70	58-64	56-61	36-41	22-26

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
39-41	24-26	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.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
80.16	75.77	56.61	41.36

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	7/31/00	7/24/00	8/03/99
PACIFIC COAST	712	784	302
LOS ANGELES	655	707	253

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR AUGUST 1, 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: 7/23/00-7/29/00
30-dozen cases 4,525

Receipts from the mainland: 7/18/00-7/22/00
30-dozen cases 3,966

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