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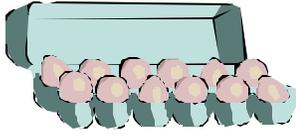
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were generally unchanged to higher on mediums and larger sizes compared to last week. The market tone was mostly steady at current market levels. Demand ranged light to good, mostly moderate, and was best for features. Supplies were adequate on all sizes. Breaking stock supplies were tight to adequate in the Midwest and usually adequate in the Eastern region. Demand was light to moderate. Trade sentiment was steady. Light type hens satisfied current processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 6 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 1 cent higher for mediums, when based on previous week average prices. In Boston and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to good, best where features were a factor. Supplies on all sizes were usually adequate. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to tight for the moderate demand. Light type hens were sufficient for the light demand.

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

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were mostly 4 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were not changed. The trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand was light to mostly fair. Food service movement was moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were fully adequate and becoming more available. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to usually moderate for the tight to adequate offerings. Floor stocks were in close balance for current needs. The trade sentiment was mostly steady.

CHICAGO Prices on all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment generally steady. Retail and food service demand mixed, best where limited features are planned or in progress. Supplies of all sizes in close balance to adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were higher on large sizes and unchanged to higher on mediums when compared to last week. The market tone was steady to fully steady at current levels. Demand was mostly moderate to good, best where features were in progress. Noted features included 2 dozen medium for \$1 and 2 dozen large for \$1. Supplies were 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 18th was 72.01 cents, 4.61 cents more than the week before and 11.19 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to instances tight and demand for additional eggs was light to moderate. Light type fowl were adequate for current slaughter schedules.

WESTERN Prices on jumbo, extra large, and large 2 cents higher in California and 3 cents higher in the Northwest, unchanged on medium and small throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 4% lower than last Monday with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 12%. Retailer demand 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)	101-103	92-99	62-65
New York	79-81	76-79	52-55
Philadelphia	75.5-79	73.5-77	51-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	72-73	70.5-72	43-44
Jackson (1)	81-82	79-80	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	78-92	76-90	49-63
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	68-73	67-72	44-49
Detroit (2)	65-68	64-67	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	66-72	65-70	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	69-75	67-74	44-51
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	86-89	82-84	57-59
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	106	97	76

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small invoice price 56. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 99, buy 1 get 1 free.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	124
EXTRA LARGE	106
LARGE	97
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	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	209-249
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	179-229
MEDIUM	159-199	MEDIUM	149-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 25, 2000 will decrease by 6 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 18, 2000 were 290,431 cases which was 28 percent above the prior week and 13 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	252,857	37,574	290,431
% change from the prior week.....	+34	+1	+28

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. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand light to usually moderate. Floor stocks in close balance with current needs. 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
NEST RUN	44-47
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	28-31

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 compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for in balance to mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow to fair with supplies 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 21-AUG-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-12	5-7.5	6.04

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were generally unchanged. Demand was fair but not aggressive for usually adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were about normal. The market tone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-AUG-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-9.75	2-6	4.90
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 Aug 21,2000
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	7.2	15.1	4.8	10.2	8.1 45.4
	Change	-1.7	1.8	-0.5	-2.3	0.7 -4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	17.7	40.6	8.0	26.1	21.2 113.6
	Change	0.9	3.2	-1.1	1.2	-1.8 2%
Large	Curr Wk	29.3	80.3	47.1	75.9	85.0 317.6
	Change	5.8	6.0	0.8	1.3	-0.5 4%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.7	33.4	10.4	28.4	22.6 105.5
	Change	-1.0	-7.7	0.5	3.4	-2.6 -7%
Small	Curr Wk	2.7	7.2	3.3	7.0	4.4 24.6
	Change	-1.0	-0.5	1.1	0.0	-0.3 -3%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.1	16.4	9.6	10.8	6.3 49.2
	Change	-0.4	-1.8	1.0	-1.7	1.3 -3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.9	44.9	21.9	30.2	35.9 156.8
	Change	2.9	2.1	1.1	-2.8	-5.1 -1%
Total	Curr Wk	97.6	237.9	105.1	188.6	183.5 812.7
Percent	Change	6%	1%	3%	0%	-4% 0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	812.7	0%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	415.4	3%	39
Total Shell Egg	1228.1	1%	211

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.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 07, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	169	165.9	156.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 07, 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 18, 2000

CURRENT LOADS		26.75		FUTURE LOADS				2.00		TOTAL LOADS				28.75		
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	53.50	55.00	—	—	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	68.00	.25
GNR W 2	—	—	—	54.00	50.00	—	GL W XL	60.00	62.67	—	—	—	—	—	59.00	3.25
GNR W 3	44.00	—	—	47.00	37.50	39.75	GL W LG	—	62.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.25
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	31.00	33.25	GL W MD	37.00	38.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	57.00	—	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	—	1.00
GL W XL	—	61.00	—	—	54.00	—	NRBS - 39	27.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W LG	—	60.00	58.00	60.00	58.44	—										
GL W MD	—	36.00	34.50	37.00	35.56	38.00										
GL W SM	21.00	—	—	—	—	24.50										
NRBS - 50	—	—	40.50	42.00	—	—										.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	43.00	45.00										1.00
NRBS - 39	—	30.00	—	—	—	—										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 08/14/00-08/18/00

CURRENT LOADS		123.75		FUTURE LOADS				57.50		TOTAL LOADS				181.25		
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	DST	
GNR W 1	54.50	59.71	54.33	55.93	56.00	—	GNR W 1	56.00	59.38	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00
GNR W 2	—	57.00	—	53.17	50.00	52.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
GNR W 3	40.00	—	—	43.00	36.33	39.75	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	33.38	35.63	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64.00	2.25
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	57.25	—	—	GL W XL	60.00	63.00	—	—	—	—	—	66.16	8.75
GL W J	—	—	—	—	55.22	—	GL W LG	61.50	62.72	—	61.50	58.00	62.80	—	—	14.25
GL W XL	—	63.44	56.93	60.39	56.26	59.00	GL W MD	33.50	38.00	30.00	—	—	—	—	35.50	3.00
GL W LG	—	62.24	57.50	60.38	55.63	60.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	36.00	36.67	34.33	36.33	35.56	38.00	NRBS - 39	27.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W SM	21.00	23.00	19.50	21.00	—	24.50										
GL BR XL	—	—	60.00	63.00	—	—										
NRBS - 50	—	47.00	40.42	41.92	—	—										3.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	43.83	45.83										11.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	32.50	34.00										2.00
NRBS - 39	—	30.00	—	—	24.50	26.00										3.00

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 08/06/00 - 08/11/00

Origin State	CO	IA	MN	MO	OH	OR	UT	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	1,760	0	0	0	2,189	0	83	4,032
C. CA	2,180	1,680	5,665	0	0	0	721	0	10,246
S. CA	4,234	5,394	2,454	1,584	3,198	0	1,802	258	18,924
TOTAL STATE	6,414	8,834	8,119	1,584	3,198	2,189	2,523	341	33,202

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	82-85	78-81	43-46	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
73-76	64-70	62-67	38-43	22-26

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
47-49	24-26	10-12

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
86.19	84.21	57.81	41.36

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	8/14/00	8/7/00	8/17/99
PACIFIC COAST	692	852	331
LOS ANGELES	624	704	253

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR AUGUST 15, 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: 8/6/00-8/12/00
30-dozen cases 3,870

Receipts from the mainland: 7/30/00-8/5/00
30-dozen cases 4,356

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