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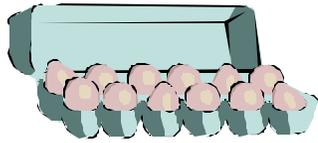
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged to higher. The trade sentiment was steady to occasionally fully steady. Demand was light to good and was best into feature activity. Supplies were adequate to close. In the Midwest, breaking stock offerings were tight to short. Breakers in need of additional eggs were bidding over the high side of the quoted range for nest runs. In the Eastern region, breaking stock supplies were generally adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Light type fowl satisfied current slaughter schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 3.5 cents higher for the heavier weight eggs and unchanged to 2 cents higher on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher for extra large and unchanged to 2 cents higher for large based on previous week average pricing. Prices were unchanged for mediums in Boston and on all sizes in New England. The market tone was steady to occasionally fully steady. Demand was light to good, best into feature activity. Supplies were in close balance to adequate for trading needs. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Light type hens were sufficient.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to at times fully steady. Demand was light to good and best where features were in progress. Supplies were in close balance to adequate for current needs.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Wisconsin and Ohio cities were 3 cents higher for all sizes. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was light to fair with features providing some extra interest. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were mostly adequate for current needs. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were still tight to short of needs with breakers in need continuing to bid over the high side of the quoted range for additional product. Supplies were tight to barely adequate. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was fully steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment fully steady. Retail and food service demand mostly moderate and best where features are a factor. Supplies from in close balance to adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and in Florida, prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week. The market tone was steady to at times fully steady. Retail demand was moderate and was best where featured. Supplies were adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending September 29 was 67.40 cents, 1.34 cents more than the week before and 10.58 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for current processing needs.

**WESTERN** Prices 1 cent higher on jumbo, 3 cents higher on large throughout the region, with extra large 2 cents higher, medium and small 1 cent higher in California and extra large 3 cents higher, medium unchanged in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was unchanged from last Monday with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah unchanged. Retailer demand 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.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	98-100	93-95	62-64
New York	72-74	69-72	55-58
Philadelphia	69.5-72	67.5-70	53-55
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	63-64	61.5-63	47-48
Jackson (1)	72-73	70-71	56-57
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	76-90	74-88	52-66
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	63-68	62-67	47-52
Detroit (2)	60-63	59-62	43-46
Major Ohio Cities (2)	61-67	60-65	44-50
Major Wisconsin Cities	64-71	62-69	47-54
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	84-87	81-83	58-60
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	102	93	77
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 1 cent higher on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, 3 cents higher on large, and 1 cent higher on medium and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 57. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack 99.

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

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	119		
EXTRA LARGE	102		
LARGE	93		
MEDIUM	77		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	
	<b>RANGE</b>		<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	225-259
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	195-249
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	169-215
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	145-179

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 06, 2000 will increase by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 29, 2000 were 224,986 cases which was 2 percent above the prior week and 2 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	186,934	38,052	224,986

% change from the prior week..... -1 +19 +2  
 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 mostly prices were higher with checks and undergrades also ranging higher. Offerings continued tight to short of needs with breakers in need continuing to bid over the high side of the quoted range for additional heavy nest runs. Most breaking stock buyers were closely watching the cartoned large market for further market developments. Supplies were tight to barely adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment 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	37-40	39-40
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	23-26	
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 lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were mixed, generally no better than fair. Schedules were normal. Trade setiment was mixed.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
 SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-10	4-6	5.60
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchaged from a week earlier. Demand was moderate for offerings that were adequate for trade requirements. Supplies of canners were clearing easily but usually reported as still sufficient for needs. The market tone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
 SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	1.25-9.5	2.25-6	4.48
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 Oct 02,2000**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
 (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.5	14.1	7.3	13.7	7.4 55.0
	Change	1.4	1.9	1.3	1.5	-0.4 12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.8	32.9	15.9	24.3	26.3 124.2
	Change	-1.4	1.9	2.6	-1.8	5.1 5%
Large	Curr Wk	47.4	75.9	54.1	65.7	95.6 338.7
	Change	2.4	9.9	10.2	-0.9	-1.0 6%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.7	30.8	12.8	18.8	27.5 107.6
	Change	5.3	-8.3	-4.3	-2.2	-1.1 -9%
Small	Curr Wk	3.1	8.6	2.7	5.3	6.1 25.8
	Change	-0.8	1.5	-1.2	1.2	0.5 5%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.1	15.2	6.5	15.8	4.9 46.5
	Change	-0.7	-3.5	-0.3	3.2	-0.7 -4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	26.1	29.5	15.0	24.7	34.1 129.4
	Change	2.3	-15.2	-1.0	-3.6	-2.8 -14%
Total	Curr Wk	135.7	207.0	114.3	168.3	201.9 827.2
	Change	7%	-5%	7%	-2%	0% 0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	827.2	0%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	383.6	-11%	39

Total Shell Egg 1210.8 -4% 210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 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.  
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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.  
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**CANADIAN EGGS**

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	170	166.9	157.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 19, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	134	134	124	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 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	—	—	47.50	49.00	53.50	—	5.00	GNR W 1	—	60.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 2	45.00	—	—	47.00	43.00	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	59.00	—	—	57.50	60.00	1.25
GL W XL	53.50	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	51.00	—	—	—	55.50	58.75	2.00
GL W LG	—	—	51.50	53.00	—	—	1.00								
GL W MD	—	—	38.20	39.70	—	—	4.25								
GL W SM	—	—	25.00	26.50	—	—	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 09/25/00-09/29/00

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 XL	—	—	48.00	49.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	58.00	59.13	—	—	—	—	17.00
GNR W 1	51.39	54.50	47.58	49.17	53.50	49.00	49.00	GNR W 3	—	40.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	41.00	—	—	44.00	42.00	45.00	6.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	61.00	66.14	1.75
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	38.75	41.00	4.00	GL W XL	52.50	57.29	—	—	55.63	59.32	8.25
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	36.50	38.00	1.00	GL W LG	51.00	53.96	—	—	54.86	58.11	14.75
GNR BR 1	—	55.00	54.00	59.00	—	—	4.00	GL W MD	33.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	53.00	—	1.00								
GL W XL	53.75	57.00	—	54.60	50.62	55.00	14.50								
GL W LG	52.00	56.13	51.83	52.86	49.84	—	16.25								
GL W MD	—	41.00	36.41	38.69	—	39.50	15.75								
GL W SM	—	—	23.79	25.21	—	—	4.75								
NRBS - 50	—	—	34.00	35.00	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	28.67	9.00								

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 09/17/00 - 09/23/00**

Origin State	CO	IN	IA	MN	MO	NY	OH	OR	UT	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	2,894	0	0	0	0	3,030	4,083	10,007
C. CA	0	840	0	0	0	0	0	6	1,437	1,437
S. CA	3,744	1,530	13,517	8,039	6,278	550	4,891	0	1,774	40,323
TOTAL STATE	3,744	2,370	16,411	8,039	6,278	550	4,891	3,036	7,294	52,613

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
114-117	79-82	74-77	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
68-71	59-65	57-62	41-46	25-29

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
42-44	27-29	11-13

**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
78.57	76.57	61.00	46.27

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	9/25/00	9/18/00	9/27/99
PACIFIC COAST	489	472	2
LOS ANGELES	430	408	0

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR SEPTEMBER 26, 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: 9/17/00-9/23/00  
30-dozen cases 5,688

Receipts from the mainland: 9/10/00-9/16/00  
30-dozen cases 3,571

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