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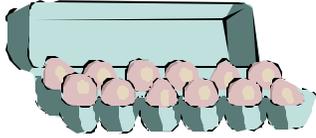
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged to higher. The trade sentiment ranged steady to firm, mostly steady to at times fully steady. Retail demand was light to good and best where features were in progress. Supplies were adequate to at times close. In the Midwest, breaking stock supplies were tight to non-existent and demand was good to very good. In the Eastern region, breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were about adequate to adequate for current processing requirements.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1.5 cents higher for the larger sizes and ranged 1-3 cents higher on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher for extra large and unchanged to 2 cents higher for large and medium, when based on previous week average prices. Prices paid to producers in New England were 1 cent higher for large and medium, unchanged on the balance of sizes. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to fairly good, best where items were featured. Supplies were generally adequate. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were about adequate to adequate.

NEW YORK Prices were 1 cent higher for mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes. The market tone was steady to at times fully steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to fairly good, somewhat better where items were featured. Supplies were generally adequate for trading needs.

MIDWEST Producer prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 2 cents higher for the larger sizes and 4 cents higher for medium. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were fair to good. Loose egg trade was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to close with mediums in the tightest position. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was good to very good for the tight to non-existent offerings. Breakers continued to bid higher prices for heavy nest runs with little success in securing outside product. Floor stocks were tight to adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to instances fully

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand moderate. Supplies generally adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta, prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week. In Florida, prices were higher on all sizes except small, which were unchanged from last week. The market tone was steady to occasionally fully steady. Retail demand was moderate and was best where featured. Supplies were adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white carton large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending October 6th was 70.85 cents, 3.45 cents more than the week before and 22.19 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were about adequate to adequate for current processing needs.

WESTERN Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large throughout the region. Medium and small prices were 4 cents higher in California; medium 2 cents higher in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 6% lower than last week with California down 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 7%. Retailer demand just fair. 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)	99-101	95-97	62-66
New York	74-76	71-74	60-63
Philadelphia	71-74	69-72	56-60
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	67-68	65.5-67	51-52
Jackson (1)	76-77	74-75	60-61
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	79-92	77-90	57-69
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	65-70	64-69	51-56
Detroit (2)	62-65	61-64	47-50
Major Ohio Cities (2)	63-69	62-67	48-54
Major Wisconsin Cities	66-73	64-71	51-58
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	87-91	83-86	63-66
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	104	95	81
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 6% lower than last week. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings in good balance. Small invoice price 61. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 89-129. CALIFORNIA: PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	
JUMBO	121	
EXTRA LARGE	104	
LARGE	95	
MEDIUM	81	
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	229-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	209-249
LARGE	199-209	169-209
MEDIUM	187-199	149-179

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 13, 2000 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 06, 2000 were 247,660 cases which was 10 percent above the prior week and 5 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	212,012	35,648	247,660
% change from the prior week.....	+13	-6	+10

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 ranging 1 cent higher. Offerings continued tight to non-existent with demand rated as good to very good. Breakers continue to bid increasingly higher prices for heavy nest runs with most breakers reporting little success in gathering additional nest runs from outside sources. Floor stocks tight to short of current needs. 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	42-47	43-45
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 Trading levels were lower. Demand was moderate with supplies of raw fowl adequate for needs. Schedules were normal. Dressed sales had improved, but were described as fair. 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 09-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-10	4-5	4.86

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were about unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for offerings that were adequate to fully adequate for trade requirements. Supplies of canners were clearing. The market tone was mixed but mostly steady.
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	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	.5-9.5	2.5-6	4.22
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 09,2000

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	12.6	15.1	8.9	14.6	7.0 58.2
	Change	0.1	1.0	1.6	0.9	-0.4 6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.0	35.2	13.7	23.1	22.0 117.0
	Change	-1.8	2.3	-2.2	-1.2	-4.3 -6%
Large	Curr Wk	40.8	77.0	60.9	69.2	90.3 338.2
	Change	-6.6	1.1	6.8	3.5	-5.3 0%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.0	30.2	13.3	17.5	22.2 93.2
	Change	-7.7	-0.6	0.5	-1.3	-5.3 -13%
Small	Curr Wk	3.7	5.8	2.7	5.9	6.2 24.3
	Change	0.6	-2.8	0.0	0.6	0.1 -6%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.7	16.3	7.6	11.0	4.5 45.1
	Change	1.6	1.1	1.1	-4.8	-0.4 -3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	29.6	27.4	14.7	26.4	36.9 135.0
	Change	3.5	-2.1	-0.3	1.7	2.8 4%
Total	Curr Wk	125.4	207.0	121.8	167.7	189.1 811.0
Percent	Change	-8%	0%	7%	0%	-6% -2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	811.0	-2%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	392.0	2%	39
Total Shell Egg	1203.0	-1%	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.

 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 SEPTEMBER 26, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	170	166.9	157.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 26, 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 OCTOBER 09, 2000

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
12.25								10.00				22.25			
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	—	56.00	—	—	53.00	—	2.50	GNR W 1	56.00	59.00	—	—	—	—	1.50
GNR W 2	—	—	—	48.00	44.00	—	1.50	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	66.50	69.30	1.25
GNR W 4	—	38.00	33.00	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	53.00	—	—	—	58.00	62.00	1.50
GNR BR 1	—	—	54.50	56.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	57.00	60.67	1.50
GL W J	—	—	—	—	56.00	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W LG	—	—	51.75	54.25	50.00	—	4.00								
GL W MD	—	—	41.00	43.00	—	—	2.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	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 10/03/00-10/09/00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
90.75								39.00				129.75			
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	49.38	54.38	51.50	49.00	50.17	52.00	21.50	GNR W 1	58.60	59.90	—	55.00	—	—	13.00
GNR W 2	46.38	49.25	—	48.33	44.53	47.18	14.50	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	37.88	38.00	3.00	GNR W 3	—	45.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	38.00	32.88	—	—	36.75	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	54.00	55.50	—	—	4.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	66.50	70.21	3.50
GL W J	—	—	—	—	57.33	—	3.00	GL W XL	53.00	57.50	—	—	58.75	61.96	7.75
GL W XL	—	58.67	—	56.92	51.87	52.00	19.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	60.06	60.16	4.75
GL W LG	—	58.19	52.00	55.05	49.27	52.00	18.75	GL W MD	—	—	35.00	—	—	43.00	1.00
GL W MD	—	—	40.83	42.13	—	46.67	12.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	28.50	31.00	1.00
GL W SM	—	26.00	22.20	23.90	—	—	3.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	44.00	43.50	44.00	2.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	43.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00								

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 09/24/00 - 09/30/00

Origin State	AR	CO	IN	IA	MI	MN	MO	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	0	1,890	0	0	0	0	1,385	0	2,545	0	0	5,820
C. CA	0	0	0	840	0	0	0	0	108	0	0	18	0	966
S. CA	787	3,200	750	12,973	750	2,320	4,804	2,574	0	960	5,481	900	780	36,279
TOTAL STATE	787	3,200	750	15,703	750	2,320	4,804	2,574	1,493	960	8,026	918	780	43,065

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	114-117
EXTRA LARGE	80-83
LARGE	77-80
MEDIUM	46-49
SMALL	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.

	RANGE
JUMBO	70-73
EXTRA LARGE	61-67
LARGE	59-64
MEDIUM	45-50
SMALL	25-29

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
LARGE	44-46
MEDIUM	31-33
SMALL	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.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	79.81
LARGE	77.96
MEDIUM	62.12
SMALL	46.27

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	<u>10/02/00</u>	<u>09/25/00</u>	<u>10/04/99</u>
PACIFIC COAST	506	489	26
LOS ANGELES	454	430	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR OCTOBER 03, 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: 9/24/00-9/30/00
30-dozen cases 5,293

Receipts from the mainland: 9/17/00-9/23/00
30-dozen cases 5,688

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