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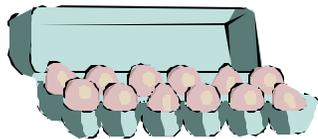
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. In Florida, prices were higher on mediums but unchanged on the balance. In most other locations, prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone ranged steady to firm. Demand was moderate. Floor stocks were at least sufficient to in close balance. Breaking stock offerings were tight to about adequate and demand was in a full range of light to good with most buyers unaggressive. Light type hens were usually sufficient for current processing needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to 3.5 cents higher on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 3 cents higher on all sizes, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was mostly moderate, best where featured. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for trading needs. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient and demand ranged light to good. Light type hens were usually adequate for normal schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate, best where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for all sizes.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 2 cents higher for the larger sizes, up 5 cents for medium, and increased 3 cents for small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was fair to fairly good, mostly fair. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were adequate to in close balance for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate and suppliers continued to hold product in anticipation of higher prices. Most breakers were not seeking much outside product at this time. Floor stocks were in very close balance to adequate. Schedules were full-time to at times reduced. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand moderate and best where features are a factor. Supplies for larger sizes in close balance to adequate, mediums barely adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta, prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week. In Florida, prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance from last week. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate and was best where featured. Supplies were adequate to in close balance. 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 27th was 73.37 cents, 1.26 cents less than the week before but 13.7 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate for the light to good demand. Light type hens were usually sufficient for current slaughter schedules.

WESTERN Prices in California were unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, 3 cents higher on large, and 5 cents higher on medium and small. In the Northwest, prices were 1 cent higher on jumbo, 3 cents higher on extra large and large, and 5 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 5% higher than last Monday with California up 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 1%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings held confidently.

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)	102-104	99-101	68-70
New York	77-79	74-77	69-72
Philadelphia	73-77	71-75	66-69
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	70-71	68.5-70	66-67
Jackson (1)	78-79	77-78	70-71
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	83-92	82-90	75-81
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	67-72	66-71	61-66
Detroit (2)	64-67	63-66	57-60
Major Ohio Cities (2)	65-71	64-69	58-64
Major Wisconsin Cities	68-75	66-73	61-68
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	85-89	83-86	73-75
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	106	98	90
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, 3 cents higher on large, and 5 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 7% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings held confidently. Small invoice price 70. Ads in Northern California: major-large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

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

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	121	JUMBO	225-259
EXTRA LARGE	106	EXTRA LARGE	195-249
LARGE	98	LARGE	169-209
MEDIUM	90	MEDIUM	145-189

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	225-259
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	195-249
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	169-209
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	145-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 03, 2000 will decrease by 7 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 27, 2000 were 293,125 cases which was 6 percent above the prior week and 9 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	253,560	39,565	293,125
% change from the prior week.....	+5	+15	+6

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 were unchanged. Offerings remained tight to about adequate as suppliers continued to hold product in anticipation of higher prices. Most breakers were working from regular commitments and company owned production and were not seeking much outside product at this time. Floor stocks were in very close balance to adequate. Schedules were full-time to at times reduced. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm.

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	45-48	46-47
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	30-33	

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 from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were moderate, with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10	5-6	5.53

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for offerings that were at least adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Supplies of finished product were short to about adequate and clearing easily. The market tone was mixed but generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-OCT-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-9.5	3.5-6	4.96
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 30,2000
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.9	15.9	10.0	14.3	8.0	58.1
	Change	-0.1	-3.4	0.3	-2.0	-1.4	-10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.2	39.7	14.5	31.4	21.5	134.3
	Change	4.5	-2.9	1.5	3.5	-0.2	5%
Large	Curr Wk	55.6	96.2	63.6	86.3	96.2	397.9
	Change	4.6	0.1	4.9	7.0	5.6	6%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.3	31.9	15.0	19.8	21.6	99.6
	Change	2.5	4.1	2.4	2.0	0.8	13%
Small	Curr Wk	2.5	8.5	3.0	6.9	6.8	27.7
	Change	-0.7	1.0	0.0	1.2	1.6	13%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.0	17.7	8.1	11.8	4.9	48.5
	Change	0.0	1.8	0.5	0.2	1.0	8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	34.9	36.8	15.2	23.5	39.5	149.9
	Change	4.2	-5.6	-2.6	-4.6	1.4	-5%
Total	Curr Wk	147.4	246.7	129.4	194.0	198.5	916.0
Percent	Change	11%	-2%	6%	4%	5%	4%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	916.0	4%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	392.4	4%	39
Total Shell Egg	1308.4	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.

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 OCTOBER 16, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	170	166.9	157.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 16, 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 27, 2000

CURRENT LOADS		10.75		FUTURE LOADS				28.25		TOTAL LOADS				39.00	
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	—	61.00	54.50	53.00	—	—	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	47.00	48.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	72.00	11.00	
GL W XL	—	—	—	64.00	58.00	—	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	66.00	.75	
GL W LG	—	65.00	57.43	58.00	58.75	—									
GL W MD	—	—	53.14	56.00	—	—									
GL W SM	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	—									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—									
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—									

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 10/23/00-10/27/00

CURRENT LOADS		114.25		FUTURE LOADS				77.25		TOTAL LOADS				191.50	
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	48.25	58.60	50.75	52.21	55.44	—	GNR W 1	56.50	59.76	—	—	—	—	—	10.50
GNR W 2	49.00	51.20	50.50	52.00	48.70	52.33	GNR W 2	—	57.33	—	—	—	—	—	6.00
GNR W 3	—	—	44.00	45.00	47.27	48.50	GNR W 3	—	51.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.50
GNR BR 1	—	62.00	—	—	—	—	GL W J	59.00	—	—	—	—	64.00	.50	
GL W J	—	—	61.50	64.00	—	—	GL W XL	58.00	—	—	—	—	68.11	9.25	
GL W XL	54.00	61.50	56.00	59.69	56.08	—	GL W LG	56.00	—	—	65.00	—	67.47	39.50	
GL W LG	—	62.88	57.23	57.00	56.27	—	GL W MD	56.00	57.33	49.00	—	—	60.31	11.25	
GL W MD	—	56.33	51.89	53.38	56.50	—	NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GL W SM	—	—	26.88	28.25	—	—	NRBS - 42	28.00	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	46.00	—	—									
NRBS - 48	—	—	42.00	45.13	—	—									
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	33.00									
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	35.50									

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 10/15/00 - 10/21/00

Origin State	CO	IA	MN	MO	MT	NH	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	903	2,280	0	0	0	0	0	2,896	0	840	90	7,009
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	780	1,021	0	1,440	546	3,787
S. CA	4,235	10,764	3,233	1,956	1,676	600	0	0	750	5,600	0	28,814
TOTAL STATE	5,138	13,044	3,233	1,956	1,676	600	780	3,917	750	7,880	636	39,610

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	83-86	80-83	49-52	17-20

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
72-75	63-69	61-66	55-60	30-34

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
46-48	41-43	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
83.80	82.80	74.24	48.00

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/23/00	10/16/00	10/26/99
PACIFIC COAST	447	499	38
LOS ANGELES	382	446	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR OCTOBER 24, 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: 10/15/00-10/21/00
30-dozen cases 4,065

Receipts from the mainland: 10/6/00-10/14/00
30-dozen cases 4,553

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