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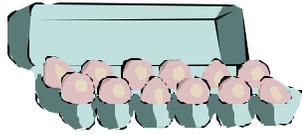
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In Philadelphia and Florida, prices were higher on all sizes. In Boston, prices were higher on large and unchanged on the balance. Otherwise, most prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was light to good and was best where features were available. Supplies were adequate. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the light and unaggressive demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for current slaughter schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to .5 cents higher for mediums; in Boston, large were unchanged to 1 cent higher based on previous week average prices. Prices were unchanged in New England and on the balance of sizes. The market tone was generally steady. Demand ranged light to good, best where featured. Supplies were adequate for trading needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were sufficient.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand ranged light to good, best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate for current needs.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone steady. Demand into all outlets mixed, mostly moderate and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate.

**MIDWEST** Prices unchanged in all areas. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand in a full range, light to good for the upcoming holiday needs. Feature activity noted as scattered and where in progress providing some additional interest. Supplies were adequate for current needs. All central states breaking stock prices were sharply lower. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the generally light demand. Buyers interested in additional nest runs were bidding lower values. Floor stocks were adequate. The trade sentiment was weak.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged. In Atlanta, asking prices for next week's deliveries were ranging unchanged from current week. However, in Florida, prices for next week were trending higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate and best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Movement of eggs into retail channels in the Atlanta area was unchanged from a week ago but 33 percent less than the same week last year. Supplies were adequate. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for the light and unaggressive demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for current processing requirements.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last Monday with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 12%. Retailer demand good. 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
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	107-109	105-107	70-72
New York	83-85	80-83	71-74
Philadelphia	81-83	79-81	70-71
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	76-77	74.5-76	63-64
Jackson (1)	84-85	83-84	72-73
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	84-99	83-97	71-85
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	73-78	72-77	63-68
Detroit (2)	70-73	69-72	59-62
Major Ohio Cities (2)	71-77	70-75	60-66
Major Wisconsin Cities	74-81	72-79	63-70
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	92-95	88-91	78-81
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	112	104	96

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

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was unchanged from last Monday. Retailer demand improved to good for Thanksgiving needs. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 76. Ads in Northern California: major-large dozen 79.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	124
EXTRA LARGE	112
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	96

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

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

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 17, 2000 will increase by 14 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 10, 2000 were 275,456 cases which was 1 percent above the prior week and 14 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	240,556	34,900	275,456

% change from the prior week..... +1 -2 +1  
 Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** All prices were sharply lower with breakers interested in additional heavy nest runs bidding increasingly lower values. Offerings adequate to fully adequate for the mostly light demand. Trade sentiment weak. 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	31-38	34-36
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-26	21-23

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 was slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate to good as seasonal interest beginning to take hold. Schedules were at or near capacity. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-NOV-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-8	4.5-5.5	6.21

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were adequate to ample for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Supplies of finished product were occasionally short to barely adequate. 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 13-NOV-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-8.5	4.25-6	5.32
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 Nov 13,2000**

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

		NO	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
	Northeast	CENT	CENT				
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.6	19.8	7.7	15.4	8.4	61.9
	Change	1.1	1.6	0.8	0.2	-0.6	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.9	43.0	12.8	40.7	18.5	142.9
	Change	1.5	5.9	-1.2	1.1	-1.2	4%
Large	Curr Wk	56.7	106.6	63.8	97.5	90.1	414.7
	Change	1.2	10.3	1.0	-7.4	-2.1	1%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.0	32.1	15.7	25.8	24.9	111.5
	Change	-0.5	-2.6	-0.1	4.0	1.0	2%
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	7.0	1.7	7.1	8.2	28.9
	Change	1.0	-1.6	0.2	1.4	1.0	7%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.6	22.0	10.9	13.2	6.0	57.7
	Change	1.2	1.4	1.8	0.6	0.5	11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	38.9	40.5	17.5	30.6	47.5	175.0
	Change	1.1	-1.3	-1.5	2.9	9.6	7%
Total	Curr Wk	157.6	271.0	130.1	230.3	203.6	992.6
Percent	Change	4%	5%	1%	1%	4%	3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	992.6	3%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	424.5	5%	39
Total Shell Egg	1,417.1	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 OCTOBER 30, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	170	166.9	157.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 30, 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 NOVEMBER 10, 2000

CURRENT LOADS		16.50		FUTURE LOADS				19.75		TOTAL LOADS				36.25	
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	57.50	59.00	—	—	8.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	55.00	56.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	69.75	2.00
GL W XL	—	—	64.00	66.00	58.75	—	6.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	65.94	8.25
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	55.44	—	10.75								
GL W MD	—	—	53.50	55.00	—	—	2.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	38.00	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	33.00	35.00	3.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	30.00	34.00	3.00								

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 11/06/00-11/10/00

CURRENT LOADS		112.50		FUTURE LOADS				48.25		TOTAL LOADS				160.75	
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	58.88	63.75	57.50	59.00	54.00	—	35.50	GNR W 1	—	64.40	—	—	—	—	19.00
GNR W 2	62.00	64.00	55.50	57.00	45.00	—	6.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	56.50	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	52.50	54.00	4.00	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	59.00	—	—	.75	GL W J	67.50	—	—	—	—	72.25	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	55.00	57.29	—	—	2.25	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	69.79	4.75
GL W J	—	—	—	—	60.50	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	68.50	—	—	68.00	69.29	25.25
GL W XL	—	68.33	63.50	65.33	59.48	64.00	16.00	GL W MD	55.00	55.20	—	—	—	58.38	7.75
GL W LG	—	64.00	60.25	62.00	58.87	63.00	33.25	GL W SM	30.00	—	—	—	—	37.50	1.00
GL W MD	51.00	—	49.13	55.00	50.50	—	12.00	NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W SM	28.75	31.00	28.50	30.63	—	—	5.00	NRBS - 45	28.00	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	46.50	43.00	—	—	43.00	4.00							
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	43.00	36.63	38.98	23.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	30.00	33.43	7.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	47.50	50.50	2.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	21.00	23.00	—	—	.50								

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 10/29/00 - 11/04/00**

Origin State	CO	IN	IA	MN	MO	NH	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	1,776	765	0	0	0	1,197	0	0	0	0	3,738
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2,160	0	0	2,162
S. CA	4,318	6,620	20,604	4,790	784	1,700	2,572	0	960	3,869	2,520	1,880	50,517
TOTAL STATE	4,318	6,620	22,380	5,555	784	1,700	2,572	1,199	960	6,029	2,520	1,880	56,517

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	88-91	86-89	51-54	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
78-81	69-75	67-72	57-62	29-33

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
52-54	43-45	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
91.27	89.57	78.51	50.51

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

ON HAND	11/06/00	10/30/00	11/9/99
PACIFIC COAST	267	435	105
LOS ANGELES	232	382	0

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

**NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME**

**U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS** AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2000 COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	557,015	-54	-41
FREE FLOWING BLEND	2,161,400	-19	-23
WHITE	798,716	-27	15
(ALBUMEN)	6,091,381	-7	110
BLEND	168,450	-2	-8
YOLK			
PLAIN	791,450	-34	-11
BLEND	24,450	-57	-76
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	1,270,900	36	-42
TOTAL	11,863,762	-20	11

**DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:**

OCTOBER 1, 2000 - OCTOBER 28, 2000  
TOTAL 9,193,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plant from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

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