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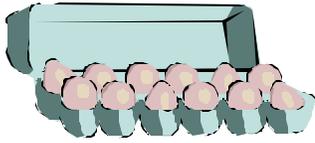
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In the Southeast and most of the Midwest, prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance. In Philadelphia, prices were slightly lower on mediums and unchanged on the remainder of eggs, based on previous week average prices. Prices were unchanged on all sizes in most other locations. The market tone was reported as mostly steady to fully steady, instances firm in the Midwest. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were available. Supplies were adequate to barely adequate, occasionally short in the West. In the Central region, breaking stock supplies were adequate or available for the light to moderate demand. In the Eastern region, breaking stock offerings were adequate and demand was fair. Light type fowl were sufficient for slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, the larger sizes were unchanged but mediums were unchanged to .5 cents lower when based on previous week average prices. Prices were unchanged in Boston and New England. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to good, best where features were available. Supplies on all sizes were adequate. Breaking stock offerings were irregular, but sufficient from regular sources. Demand was fair with most traders unaggressive. Light type hens were adequate for processing schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to good, best where featured. Supplies were adequate for current needs.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities increased one cent for mediums and were unchanged for the balance of the sizes. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were not changed. Trade sentiment was fully steady to at times firm. Retail demand was moderate to instances good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to barely adequate for current needs. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with breakers assessing current needs and usually working from regular commitments and company owned production. Offerings continued adequate to available. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. The trade sentiment was mostly steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Retail demand moderate to good, food service demand light to moderate and the best movement to features that are a factor. Supplies adequate to barely adequate with mediums reported to be in a tighter position.

SOUTHERN Prices in Atlanta were unchanged on all sizes except mediums which were higher when compared to previous week. However, in Florida, prices were unchanged from prior week. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where features were planned or in progress. 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 December 1, 2000 was 80.34 cents, 0.85 cents less than the week before, and 26.10 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings were irregular but adequate and demand for additional eggs was fair. Light type hens were sufficient for slaughter schedules.

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 8% higher than last Monday with California down 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 27%. Retailer demand moderate to good. Offerings short of full needs even with some overtime processing schedules reported.

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)	107-109	105-107	70-72
New York	83-85	80-83	70-73
Philadelphia	81-83	79-81	69-70
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	76-77	74.5-76	63-64
Jackson (1)	84-85	83-84	72-73
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	81-96	80-94	66-80
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	73-78	72-77	59-64
Detroit (2)	70-73	69-72	55-58
Major Ohio Cities (2)	71-77	70-75	56-62
Major Wisconsin Cities	74-81	72-79	59-66
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	89-92	88-89	73-75
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	112	104	94

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

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 4% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate to good, best where features planned. Offerings short of full needs. Small invoice price 74. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- medium dozen 79. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		
JUMBO	124		
EXTRA LARGE	112		
LARGE	104		
MEDIUM	94		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
	RANGE	RANGE	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	225-259
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	195-249
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	189-229
MEDIUM	187-189	MEDIUM	145-185

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 08, 2000 will increase by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 01, 2000 were 232,757 cases which was 29 percent below the prior week and 24 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	199,907	32,850	232,757
% change from the prior week.....	-32	-4	-29

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. Demand was light to moderate with breakers assessing current needs and usually working from regular commitments and company owned production. Offerings continued adequate or available. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. 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	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	35-38	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-24	
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 slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were active in shipping channels with current schedules providing adequate product 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 04-DEC-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-9 CENTS/LB.	5.5-7	6.17
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority trading was unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks of finished product ranged from about adequate to adequate for current requirements. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. The market tone was at least steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
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	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3.25-8.5	4-6	5.36
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 Dec 04,2000

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	11.6	23.2	8.6	14.7	11.0 69.1
	Change	3.2	2.4	1.3	0.4	2.7 17%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.1	35.0	12.9	25.8	22.6 123.4
	Change	8.5	-3.3	2.2	3.7	3.4 13%
Large	Curr Wk	47.2	84.5	68.3	72.7	97.0 369.7
	Change	14.2	5.5	14.2	17.1	17.2 23%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.4	35.4	14.7	18.4	21.9 104.8
	Change	0.6	-1.3	1.1	0.9	-1.6 0%
Small	Curr Wk	5.3	6.7	1.1	4.6	5.1 22.8
	Change	1.7	0.8	-1.4	-1.1	-0.7 -3%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.5	19.2	7.5	15.1	5.0 52.3
	Change	0.2	-4.6	-4.2	1.0	-1.1 -14%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	36.6	46.9	16.4	28.8	50.1 178.8
	Change	-3.9	-6.7	2.2	6.0	-4.2 -4%
Total	Curr Wk	147.7	250.9	129.5	180.1	212.7 920.9
Percent	Change	20%	-3%	13%	18%	8% 9%
TOTAL			Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators	
Shell Egg			920.9	9%	171	
Shell Egg Breaking Stock			388.2	-4%	39	
Total Shell Egg			1309.1	5%	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.

The five inventory areas are identified as:
Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	172	168.9	159.9	109.9
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 20, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	136	136	126	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 01, 2000

CURRENT LOADS		18.75		FUTURE LOADS				39.00		TOTAL LOADS				57.75	
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	60.50	63.00	—	58.00	—	54.00	35.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	11.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	53.50	55.00	—	—	1.50	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	76.00	77.11	2.25
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	66.00	—	4.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	73.71	76.53	3.75
GL W LG	—	—	62.50	64.00	65.50	—	3.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	60.00	62.00	.25
GL W MD	—	52.00	48.00	—	—	—	3.50	GL W SM	32.00	—	—	31.00	40.00	42.00	2.25
GL W SM	—	—	25.56	29.00	27.00	28.65	3.25								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								

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 11/27/00-12/01/00

CURRENT LOADS		148.50		FUTURE LOADS				138.75		TOTAL LOADS				287.25	
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	55.67	56.70	53.88	56.31	51.81	54.67	109.00	GNR W 1	—	58.60	—	—	—	56.25	27.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	45.33	—	5.00	GNR W 2	—	48.00	—	—	—	58.00	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	38.00	—	3.00	GNR W 3	—	45.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	52.67	54.17	—	—	3.50	GL W J	63.75	—	—	—	66.00	69.97	8.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	57.00	—	7.00	GL W XL	56.89	63.50	—	—	67.33	69.94	13.00
GL W XL	—	—	63.71	65.41	61.83	59.00	34.25	GL W LG	57.75	65.00	—	—	68.77	71.70	27.25
GL W LG	—	69.57	62.50	64.00	62.28	—	28.50	GL W MD	45.80	—	45.00	52.00	60.00	55.42	8.50
GL W MD	—	52.00	47.53	49.36	46.80	51.50	24.25	GL W SM	32.00	—	—	31.00	40.00	33.20	4.25
GL W SM	—	—	27.25	30.47	27.33	28.65	9.75	NRBS - 48	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	7.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 39	—	—	—	36.00	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	36.50	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	35.00	37.09	27.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	23.00	—	6.00								

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 11/19/00 - 11/25/00

Origin State	CO	IA	MN	MO	OR	UT	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	2,410	0	0	2,904	840	0	6,154
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. CA	2,520	6,115	2,780	3,624	0	960	1,385	17,384
TOTAL STATE	2,520	8,525	2,780	3,624	2,904	1,800	1,385	23,538

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	53-57	29-33

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
52-54	39-41	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	<u>11/27/00</u>	<u>11/20/00</u>	<u>11/30/99</u>
PACIFIC COAST	179	199	91
LOS ANGELES	134	154	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME**

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