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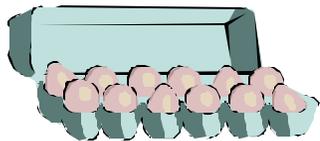
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York. In most other areas, prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was in a full range of light to very good. Supplies were adequate to tight, occasionally short in the West. Breaking stock offerings were adequate, instances barely adequate in the Central region. Demand for additional eggs was light to moderate. Light type hens were sufficient for current processing requirements.

**NORTH ATLANTIC.** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 4 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to 3 cents higher on mediums; in Boston, prices ranged 2-7 cents higher for the larger sizes and 1-4 cents higher for mediums, based on previous week average prices. In New England, prices were 1 cent higher for extra large and unchanged on the remainder of sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Supplies were generally adequate. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for the fair demand.

**NEW YORK.** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good, best where items were featured. Supplies were generally adequate for trade needs.

**MIDWEST.** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were higher for the larger sizes and medium compared to last week. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were up 1 cent for medium and large and were unchanged for small. Trade sentiment was firm. Retail demand was good to very good, best interest coming from feature activity. Food service movement mostly moderate. Severe winter weather is disrupting transportation and deliveries. Supplies were in close balance to tight. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to barely adequate for the light to moderate trading and demand. Most breakers were keeping inventories at a minimum and watching further market developments. A winter storm in the Midwest is disrupting transportation and delivery schedules. Floor stocks were adequate to close. The trade sentiment was steady to firm.

**CHICAGO.** Prices for all sizes increased 1 cent. The market tone was fully steady to firm. The holiday and winter storm are combining to make retail sales very good. Food service demand mixed in a full range light to good. Supplies adequate to barely adequate.

**SOUTHERN.** In Atlanta and Florida, prices were generally higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were generally 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 8, 2000 was 79.92 cents, 0.42 cents less than the week before, and 32.68 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate and demand for additional eggs was moderate. Light type hens were sufficient for slaughter needs.

**WESTERN.** Prices throughout the region 6 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 6% lower than last Monday with California up 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 17%. Retailer demand good. Offerings short.

**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)	114-118	112-116	74-77
New York	92-94	89-92	76-79
Philadelphia	85-92	83-90	72-76
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	83-84	81.5-83	68-69
Jackson (1)	92-93	91-92	78-79
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	85-100	84-98	71-85
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	80-85	79-84	65-70
Detroit (2)	76-79	75-78	60-63
Major Ohio Cities (2)	75-83	74-81	60-67
Major Wisconsin Cities	80-87	78-85	64-71
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	93-96	89-92	77-80
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	118	110	99
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA.** Prices 6 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 2% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings short. Small invoice price 79. Ads in Northern California: Prices 6 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 2% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings short. Small invoice price 79. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 139, 18 pack 159-199; smaller outlets- large dozen 89-129, 18 pack 149, major- large dozen 139, 18 pack 159-199; smaller outlets- large dozen 89-129, 18 pack 149.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	130
EXTRA LARGE	118
LARGE	110
MEDIUM	99

**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	225-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	195-249
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	187-189	MEDIUM	149-185

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 15, 2000 will increase by 12 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 08, 2000 were 238,879 cases which was 3 percent above the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	206,214	32,665	238,879
% change from the prior week.....	+3	-1	+3

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** All prices unchanged. Trading and demand light to moderate for the adequate to barely adequate offers. Most breakers keeping inventories at a minimum and watching further market developments. Winter storm in the Midwest is disrupting transportation and schedules. Floor stocks adequate to close. Trade sentiment steady to 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	38-42	40-42
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	24-27	

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 lower when compared to the past week. Demand had slowed for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales remained seasonally good. Schedules ranged from near capacity to reduced at some plants. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-DEC-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3.5-9	5-7	5.90
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority trading was unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offering. Floor stocks of finished product ranged from about adequate to adequate for current requirements. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The market tone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-DEC-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-8.5	4-7.75	5.81
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 11,2000**

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	10.7	19.3	7.2	13.3	9.2 59.7
	Change	-0.9	-3.9	-1.4	-1.4	-1.8 -14%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.6	31.4	12.1	27.4	21.2 116.7
	Change	-2.5	-3.6	-0.8	1.6	-1.4 -5%
Large	Curr Wk	42.0	79.7	52.4	75.4	96.6 346.1
	Change	-5.2	-4.8	-15.9	2.7	-0.4 -6%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.0	31.6	12.3	17.9	19.6 93.4
	Change	-2.4	-3.8	-2.4	-0.5	-2.3 -11%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	5.8	1.3	5.1	6.2 22.7
	Change	-1.0	-0.9	0.2	0.5	1.1 0%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.2	17.2	8.9	14.7	5.0 52.0
	Change	0.7	-2.0	1.4	-0.4	0.0 -1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	34.3	41.9	17.0	21.4	41.2 155.8
	Change	-2.3	-5.0	0.6	-7.4	-8.9 -13%
Total	Curr Wk	134.1	226.9	111.2	175.2	199.0 846.4
	Change	-9%	-10%	-14%	-3%	-6% -8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	846.4	-8%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	363.8	-6%	39
Total Shell Egg	1210.2	-8%	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 NOVEMBER 27, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	172	168.9	159.9	109.9
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 27, 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 08, 2000

CURRENT LOADS		6.25		FUTURE LOADS				33.75		TOTAL LOADS				40.00		
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	—	—	—	—	—	64.00	20.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	55.00	49.50	—	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	71.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	85.50	88.00	.25	
GL W LG	—	—	—	81.50	74.50	—	3.75	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	82.50	85.00	.25	
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	80.50	83.00	1.25	
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	66.50	69.00	.25	

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 12/04/00-12/08/00

CURRENT LOADS		110.50		FUTURE LOADS				143.25		TOTAL LOADS				253.75	
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	66.00	—	—	—	70.13	30.00
GNR W 1	58.21	62.00	61.93	61.94	59.00	62.38	103.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	60.50	4.00	GNR W 3	—	53.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	57.00	—	55.00	49.17	51.33	16.00	GNR BR 1	—	71.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	42.50	44.00	2.00	GL W J	70.25	—	—	—	77.25	79.31	4.00
GNR BR XL	—	67.50	60.00	68.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	72.00	75.63	—	—	75.44	79.61	7.75
GNR BR 1	—	63.79	58.29	—	—	65.00	5.75	GL W LG	73.50	76.50	—	—	74.64	78.68	17.75
GNR BR 2	—	67.50	60.00	68.00	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	54.95	—	—	—	63.75	60.77	10.50
GL W J	—	—	48.50	50.00	64.75	—	1.25								
GL W XL	—	—	68.25	71.14	68.00	—	9.00								
GL W LG	79.00	77.50	64.00	76.33	70.84	—	28.00								
GL W MD	—	64.65	52.40	55.28	50.22	60.00	25.25								
GL W SM	—	—	31.33	33.50	—	—	3.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	38.00	—	42.00	6.75								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	41.00	42.00	22.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 11/26/00 - 12/02/00**

Origin State	CO	IA	MI	MN	MO	NH	OH	OR	TX	UT	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	980	3215	0	0	0	780	0	1,805	0	840	0	7,620
C. CA	0	840	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	840
S. CA	1,800	15,569	941	9,428	2,388	0	3,628	0	820	6,552	2,400	43,526
TOTAL STATE	2,780	19,624	941	9,428	2,388	780	3,628	1,805	820	7,392	2,400	51,986

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

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

	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	114-117
EXTRA LARGE	97-101
LARGE	95-98
MEDIUM	56-59
SMALL	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.

	<b>RANGE</b>
EXTRA LARGE	76-79
LARGE	75-78
MEDIUM	60-63

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>RANGE</b>
LARGE	59-61
MEDIUM	44-46
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.

	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	93.74
LARGE	92.74
MEDIUM	80.73
SMALL	50.51

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

<b>ON HAND</b>	<u>12/04/00</u>	<u>11/27/00</u>	<u>12/06/99</u>
PACIFIC COAST	149	179	94
LOS ANGELES	109	134	0

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR DECEMBER 05, 2000

Receipts from the mainland: 11/2600-12/02/00  
30-dozen cases 4,901

Receipts from the mainland: 11/19/00-11/25/00  
30-dozen cases 4,145

**U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS**

AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2000

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>NUMBER OF POUNDS</b>	<b>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</b>	<b>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</b>
WHOLE			
PLAIN	613,765	10	-28
FREE FLOWING	1,261,400	-42	-32
BLEND	951,422	19	34
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	6,337,938	4	100
BLEND	96,650	-43	-48
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,068,980	35	66
BLEND	19,500	-20	-74
FREE FLOWING	1,000,450	-21	-58
TOTAL	11,350,105	-4	15

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:  
OCTOBER 29, 2000 - DECEMBER 2, 2000  
TOTAL 11,802,000 POUNDS.

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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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