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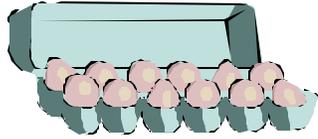
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In the Eastern region, prices were mostly unchanged to sharply lower. However, in Florida, prices were higher when based on previous week's averages. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed in a full range of steady to weak. Demand varied from area to area, but was mostly moderate to good overall. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to barely adequate. Breaking stock offerings were at least adequate to adequate and demand was light to moderate. Light type hens were sufficient for reduced slaughter requirements.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 3 cents lower on extra large, unchanged to 5 cents lower on large, and unchanged to 3 cents lower on medium. In New England, prices were unchanged to 3 cents lower on extra large, unchanged to 5 cents lower on large, and remainder of sizes unchanged. In Boston, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Retail demand was good as the winter storm stimulated consumer activity. Supplies were usually adequate for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for the light and unaggressive demand.

**NEW YORK** Prices were 5 cents lower on the larger sizes and 3 cents lower on medium. The market tone about steady following holiday weekend. Demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate for current requirements.

**MIDWEST** Prices were mostly unchanged in all areas. The trade sentiment was barely steady to at times weak. Retail demand was mixed, ranging light to good. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate and becoming more available. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate for the light trading and demand. Most breakers needs were satisfied by regular commitments and company owned production and were not interested in additional nest run product for their reduced holiday schedules. Floor stocks were adequate. The trade sentiment was barely steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Retail demand good and best where features are planned or in progress, food service generally light. Supplies adequate to instances barely adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta, prices were unchanged on all sizes. However, in Florida, prices were higher on all weights except small, which were unchanged from previous week. Elsewhere, prices were sharply lower on all eggs. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand was moderate following the holiday weekend, best where limited features were planned or in progress. Supplies were more than 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 29, 2000 was 97.58 cents, 3.71 cents more than the week before, and 24.28 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for reduced slaughter schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 20% higher than last week with California up 30% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 5%. Retailer demand moderate to good. Offerings increased to ample.

**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)	129-131	126-128	85-87
New York	99-101	96-99	80-83
Philadelphia	97-104	95-102	79-83
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	96-97	94.5-96	77-78
Jackson (1)	104-105	103-104	86-87
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	99-114	98-112	79-93
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	92-97	91-96	72-77
Detroit (2)	89-92	88-91	68-71
Major Ohio Cities (2)	90-96	89-94	69-75
Major Wisconsin Cities	93-100	91-98	72-79
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	107-110	104-106	85-87
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	131	123	107

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 30% higher than last week. Retailer demand moderate to good. Offerings sharply increased in availability at sharply lower prices on spot trades. Small invoice price 87. No new ads noted in Northern California.

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

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	143		
EXTRA LARGE	131		
LARGE	123		
MEDIUM	107		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	249-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	229-259
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	189-219
MRDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	159-205

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 05, 2001 will decrease by 15 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 29, 2000 were 351,319 cases which was 4 percent below the prior week and 10 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased	321,713	29,606	351,319
present week.....			

% change from the	-2	-20	-4
prior week.....			

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 unchanged.

Trading and demand light for the at least adequate offers. Most breakers not needing additional nest run product as needs are satisfied by regular commitments and reduced holiday schedules. Floor stocks adequate. Shipping and delivery schedules are returning to normal in the Central States. Trade sentiment barely 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	38-40
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	25-28	
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 adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 01-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10.5	6-8	7.41

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. Trading was fair due in part to holiday schedules, weather conditions and short supplies of hatching eggs. Demand ranged from light to moderate for irregular offering. Processing plants were on holiday schedules, but some were planning on five days. Floor stocks of finished product were clearing and ranged from about adequate to short of trade requirements. The market tone was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE,  
CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 01-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-9.75	5.5-8	6.62
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Jan 01,2001**

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	7.1	21.3	6.8	17.2	8.4	60.8
	Change	-1.6	2.0	2.2	4.7	-0.1	13%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.1	42.0	10.8	24.3	19.7	114.9
	Change	2.1	12.6	2.8	2.9	0.1	22%
Large	Curr Wk	27.6	98.1	49.8	70.5	86.9	332.9
	Change	2.3	23.3	8.3	18.1	17.3	26%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.5	26.6	12.9	18.4	22.9	90.3
	Change	-1.9	0.4	3.1	3.3	5.1	12%
Small	Curr Wk	2.4	6.8	3.1	6.7	3.3	22.3
	Change	-0.2	1.4	1.6	1.5	0.5	27%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.6	21.4	8.2	15.1	5.8	56.1
	Change	-3.0	3.4	-0.8	-4.2	1.1	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	33.8	49.1	19.0	23.7	40.1	165.7
	Change	12.6	8.0	-1.7	4.6	6.6	22%
Total	Curr Wk	104.1	265.3	110.6	175.9	187.1	843.0
Percent	Change	11%	24%	16%	21%	20%	20%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	843.0	20%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	397.9	11%	39
Total Shell Egg	1240.9	17%	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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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

**\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\***  
**CANADIAN EGGS**  
**NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO HOLIDAY SCHEDULES IN CANADA**

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 29, 2000

CURRENT LOADS		19.50		FUTURE LOADS				12.75		TOTAL LOADS				32.25	
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	74.25	77.00	—	76.00	—	—	7.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	61.50	63.00	59.00	—	2.25	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	73.50	2.00
GL W XL	—	69.71	—	83.57	66.33	—	8.00	GL W XL	60.29	67.00	—	—	—	69.17	7.50
GL W LG	—	86.00	—	77.00	—	—	4.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	88.00	90.00	2.50
GL W MD	—	—	55.50	65.00	49.50	—	4.00	GL W MD	—	61.00	—	—	71.00	61.44	3.25
GL W SM	—	—	30.00	32.00	—	—	1.50								
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	39.00	—	—	.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 12/25/00-12/29/00

CURRENT LOADS		61.75		FUTURE LOADS				96.50		TOTAL LOADS				158.25	
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	74.50	77.00	77.00	76.86	—	—	33.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	46.50	48.00	5.00	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	68.00	69.50	—	—	3.75	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	73.50	2.00
GL W J	—	—	64.00	65.50	59.00	—	2.50	GL W XL	62.89	67.00	—	—	—	71.55	13.00
GL W XL	—	67.00	85.00	79.73	66.50	—	36.50	GL W LG	69.20	—	—	—	83.80	77.91	20.00
GL W LG	—	—	83.00	73.09	64.60	—	34.25	GL W MD	—	61.00	—	—	61.63	61.46	4.25
GL W MD	—	—	58.50	65.50	57.17	—	13.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	28.50	32.00	1.00
GL W SM	26.00	30.00	27.85	29.65	—	—	5.75								
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	35.00	39.00	11.00								

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 12/17/00 - 12/23/00**

Origin State	CA	CO	IA	MN	MO	OH	OR	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	2,520	0	0	0	2,590	1,623	0	0	6,733
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	738	1,440	0	0	2,178
S. CA	1,600	1,090	8,500	27,074	1,814	1,430	0	960	3,600	1,410	47,478
TOTAL STATE	1,600	1,090	11,020	27,074	1,814	1,430	3,328	4,023	3,600	1,410	56,389

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	125-128
EXTRA LARGE	107-110
LARGE	102-105
MEDIUM	66-69
SMALL	21-24

**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>
JUMBO	97-100
EXTRA LARGE	88-94
LARGE	86-91
MEDIUM	66-71
SMALL	30-34

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>RANGE</b>
LARGE	71-73
MEDIUM	51-53
SMALL	13-15

**\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\***

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

**NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO NEW YEARS HOLIDAY**

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

<b>ON HAND</b>	<u>12/25/00</u>	<u>12/18/00</u>	<u>12/27/99</u>
PACIFIC COAST	160	199	57
LOS ANGELES	114	142	0

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 12/17-23/00  
30-dozen cases 5,682

Receipts from the mainland: 12/10-16/00  
30-dozen cases 4,161

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