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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York. In Boston, prices were lower on the heavier weights and unchanged on mediums. In most other areas, prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to weak and remained unsettled. Demand was in a full range of light to good. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample for current needs. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were more than sufficient for processing requirements.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 10 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 5.5 cents lower on mediums; in Boston, prices ranged 2-12 cents lower on extra large, 2-15 cents lower on large, and unchanged for medium, based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady and remained unsettled. Demand was light to moderate into all channels. Supplies were adequate to instances ample for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were more than sufficient for slaughter schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady and continued unsettled. Retail demand was moderate to good with few features in progress. Food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances ample for current needs.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply lower for the larger and medium sizes and were not changed for small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 2 cents lower for large, down 1 cent for medium, and unchanged for small. The trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Retail demand was light to moderate with some scattered features noted. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand fair for the fully adequate offerings. Most breakers satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Buyers evaluating needs before purchasing additional nest run product. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large dropped 2 cents, mediums declined 1 cent. The market tone was steady to weak. Demand into all outlets mixed and ranged from light to good, best where limited features are a factor. Supplies adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were sharply lower on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was unsettled but mostly barely steady. Demand was mainly moderate. Supplies were adequate for current requirements. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending January 5, 2001 was 97.58 cents, which was unchanged from previous week, but 20.91 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample and demand was light to moderate. Light type fowl were more than sufficient for processing needs.

WESTERN Prices 17 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 9 cents lower on medium and small in California; 18 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 11 cents lower on medium in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last week with California up 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 11%. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings 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
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	115-119	109-113	85-87
New York	86-88	83-86	73-76
Philadelphia	84-94	82-92	72-77.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	79-80	77.5-79	68-69
Jackson (1)	85-86	84-85	77-78
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	83-98	82-96	70-84
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	74-79	73-78	62-67
Detroit (2)	73-76	72-75	59-62
Major Ohio Cities (2)	74-81	73-80	60-66
Major Wisconsin Cities	77-84	75-82	63-70
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	91-99	90-96	78-82
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	114	106	98
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 17 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 9 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% higher than last week. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 78. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79-139, buy 1 get 1 free.

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

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	126		
EXTRA LARGE	114		
LARGE	106		
MEDIUM	98		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	249-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	159-205

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 12, 2001 will decrease by 8 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 05, 2001 were 251,424 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 0 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	223,382	28,042	251,424

% change from the prior week..... -11 -5 -10

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 unchanged. Trading and demand fair for the fully adequate offerings. Most breakers satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Buyers evaluating needs before purchasing additional nest run product. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to 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	34-36	34-35
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-21	

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 slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was usually moderate for adequate supplies of heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules sufficient to cover 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 08-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-11	7-9	7.99

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices trended higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was irregular but usually in a range of light to moderate. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. Processing plants were generally on normal schedules. 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 08-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10.5	6-8.75	7.21

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 Jan 08,2001

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	7.5	21.9	6.3	13.6	9.7	59.0
	Change	0.4	0.6	-0.5	-3.6	1.3	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.2	48.7	12.0	27.9	23.1	133.9
	Change	4.1	6.7	1.2	3.6	3.4	17%
Large	Curr Wk	40.5	113.0	50.2	66.1	93.8	363.6
	Change	12.9	14.9	0.4	-4.4	6.9	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.1	25.0	13.5	15.3	18.7	81.6
	Change	-0.4	-1.6	0.6	-3.1	-4.2	-10%
Small	Curr Wk	3.2	5.8	3.9	5.4	5.3	23.6
	Change	0.8	-1.0	0.8	-1.3	2.0	6%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.8	23.2	9.0	13.8	5.8	57.6
	Change	0.2	1.8	0.8	-1.3	0.0	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	32.2	68.5	19.6	21.7	39.0	181.0
	Change	-1.6	19.4	0.6	-2.0	-1.1	9%
Total	Curr Wk	120.5	306.1	114.5	163.8	195.4	900.3
Percent	Change	16%	15%	4%	-7%	4%	7%
TOTAL		Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators			

Shell Egg	900.3	7%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	409.4	3%	39

Total Shell Egg	1309.7	6%	210
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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 DECEMBER 18, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	172	168.9	159.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING DECEMBER 18, 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 JANUARY 05, 2001

CURRENT LOADS							23.75	FUTURE LOADS							17.00	TOTAL LOADS							40.75
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	57.50	59.00	56.00	58.00	—	—	7.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00								
GNR W 4	—	26.50	—	—	24.00	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	63.00	1.00								
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	56.50	61.00	1.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	71.00	62.00	1.50								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	51.00	—	1.00	GL W MD	42.00	—	44.00	—	63.00	50.89	2.25								
GL W XL	—	—	—	63.00	59.50	—	3.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	49.00	52.00	.25								
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	46.00	—	1.75																
GL W MD	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	1.00																
GL W SM	—	30.00	28.71	31.29	29.00	31.00	5.50																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	32.00	34.00	5.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	18.00	—	—	.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 01/01/01-01/05/01

CURRENT LOADS							138.25	FUTURE LOADS							62.50	TOTAL LOADS							200.75
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	66.00	57.67	56.00	66.00	—	58.00	26.00	GNR W 1	—	59.50	—	—	—	—	16.50								
GNR W 2	—	56.00	—	—	—	—	7.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GNR W 3	—	—	24.00	26.00	—	38.00	7.50	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.50								
GNR W 4	—	28.67	—	—	26.00	—	3.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	GL W J	54.00	—	—	—	—	62.27	3.75								
GNR BR 1	—	78.00	—	—	67.50	—	3.75	GL W XL	60.00	—	—	—	56.50	63.10	9.75								
GL W J	—	—	56.50	58.00	50.68	—	3.00	GL W LG	59.00	—	—	—	55.67	59.94	8.75								
GL W XL	—	67.33	65.00	67.29	59.79	—	24.25	GL W MD	42.60	—	44.00	—	63.00	50.96	6.00								
GL W LG	—	66.20	65.00	67.00	49.20	—	8.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	49.00	52.00	.25								
GL W MD	—	58.00	57.33	59.60	46.48	55.00	13.50	GL BR XL	74.50	—	—	—	—	—	.50								
GL W SM	—	30.00	29.22	31.56	29.00	31.00	7.00	GL BR LG	74.50	—	—	—	—	—	.75								
GL BR XL	—	81.00	—	—	—	—	.50																
GL BR LG	—	81.00	—	—	74.00	—	1.75																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	32.48	35.02	66.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	28.25	4.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	18.00	—	—	8.25																
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	15.00	1.00																

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 12/24/00 - 12/30/00

Origin State	CO	IA	MN	MO	NV	OR	UT	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	780	750	0	0	1,337	2,285	0	5,152
C. CA	0	0	2,520	0	0	3	1,572	0	4,095
S. CA	2,816	14,133	5,635	1,620	216	0	6,527	2,370	33,317
TOTAL STATE	2,816	14,913	8,905	1,620	216	1,340	10,384	2,370	42,564

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
125-128	96-99	90-93	66-69	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.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
81-84	72-78	70-75	57-62	30-34

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
53-55	41-43	13-15

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
104.70	103.70	89.33	51.51

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	<u>1/2/01</u>	<u>12/25/00</u>	<u>1/3/99</u>
PACIFIC COAST	128	160	142
LOS ANGELES	91	114	0

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