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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. In the Southern and Midwest regions, prices were higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance. The market tone was mixed, mostly steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were in progress for this week. Supplies were adequate to available, at times tight. Breaking stock demand was light and offerings were adequate to instances ample. Light type fowl were mostly fully adequate to ample for the light demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, mediums were unchanged to 2 cents higher; in Boston, mediums were unchanged to 3 cents higher, when based on previous week average pricing. Prices were unchanged on the remainder of sizes and in New England. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type fowl were mostly fully adequate to ample for slaughter schedules.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Wisconsin and Ohio cities were 1 cent higher for the larger sizes and up 4 cents for medium. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were about adequate to at times tight. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Most breakers worked off regular commitments and current inventories with a few breakers selectively purchasing additional loads within the quoted range. Offerings fully adequate for the light demand. Floor stocks fully adequate. Schedules varied from full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Prices on all sizes were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand moderate to instances good where feature activity is a factor. One major chain offering 25% off all eggs. Food service movement light to moderate. Supplies adequate for current needs.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on all weights. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand was usually moderate, best where scattered features were in progress for this week. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending September 28, 2001 was 52.98 cents, unchanged from last week, but 14.42 cents less than the same week a year ago. Breaking stock demand was light and supplies were adequate to occasionally ample. Light type hens were mostly fully sufficient to ample for normal slaughter schedules.

WESTERN Prices 2-3 cents lower on jumbo, unchanged on extra large and large, and 3-4 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 10% higher than last Monday with California up 11% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 9%. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings in fair balance.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade requirements.

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)	98-100	85-87	59-61
New York	63-65	60-63	40-43
Philadelphia	61-63	59-61	37-40
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	51-52	49.5-51	32-33
Jackson (1)	62-63	58-59	41-42
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	58-67	54-63	37-46
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	49-54	48-53	32-37
Detroit (2)	46-49	45-48	28-31
Major Ohio Cities (2)	47-53	46-51	29-35
Major Wisconsin Cities	50-58	48-55	32-39
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	59-66	56-62	39-45
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	87	78	62
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 3 cents lower on jumbo, unchanged on extra large and large, and 3 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 11% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate, best where features planned. Offerings light locally, adequate from out of state. Small invoice price 42. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large 18 pack 249, large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	95		
EXTRA LARGE	87		
LARGE	78		
MEDIUM	62		
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	239-289	JUMBO	249-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-269	EXTRA LARGE	209-249
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	179-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 05, 2001 will decrease by 6 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 28, 2001 were 264,752 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	226,425	38,327	264,752
% change from the prior week.....	-3	+16	-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 Prices were unchanged. Most breakers worked from regular commitments and current inventories with a few breakers selectively purchasing additional loads within the quoted range. Offerings fully adequate for the light demand. Floor stocks fully adequate. Schedules varied from full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-14

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 generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-OCT-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-11	7-8.5	8.14

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were at least adequate for the mostly fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were clearing satisfactorily and generally sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-OCT-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-10.5	7-9	8.03
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 OCT 01, 2001

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	8.9	19.9	10.1	13.0	12.9 64.8
	Change	0.9	-2.0	1.7	1.7	1.3 6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.0	48.8	13.8	20.9	24.8 138.3
	Change	4.7	-6.1	0.3	-2.3	2.4 -1%
Large	Curr Wk	44.9	101.4	79.7	71.2	85.9 383.1
	Change	8.7	-1.9	1.6	-4.3	16.5 6%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.1	35.2	17.0	15.4	24.0 103.7
	Change	-0.7	-4.5	-2.9	-3.5	-0.4 -10%
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	8.6	2.1	8.1	7.7 31.4
	Change	0.9	-0.7	-1.4	0.6	-0.3 -3%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.5	25.1	8.7	13.7	6.2 59.2
	Change	0.9	5.1	0.5	2.8	0.1 19%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.0	50.2	32.0	27.1	28.0 161.3
	Change	1.9	-7.1	1.4	-1.9	-2.0 -5%
Total	Curr Wk	130.3	289.2	163.4	169.4	189.5 941.8
Percent	Change	15%	-6%	1%	-4%	10% 1%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	941.8	1%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	274.4	-12%	38
Total Shell Egg	1216.2	-2%	209

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 SEPTEMBER 17, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 17, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	139	139	129	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2001

CURRENT LOADS		14.50		FUTURE LOADS		18.50		TOTAL LOADS		33.00					
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	34.00	—	—	36.00	—	—	2.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.75
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W XL	—	45.00	42.50	45.67	—	—	9.00	GL W MD	—	27.00	—	—	32.50	35.50	5.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.25								
GL W MD	—	—	22.50	24.00	28.00	29.00	3.00								
GL W SM	—	—	17.00	18.50	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	28.00	25.00	—	27.00	29.75	3.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	26.00	28.75	.50								
NRBS - 39	—	21.00	18.00	—	—	—	1.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/24/01-09/28/01

CURRENT LOADS		105.75		FUTURE LOADS		112.75		TOTAL LOADS		218.50					
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	35.50	36.06	40.13	40.25	31.75	32.32	64.00	GNR W 1	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 2	—	33.00	—	—	30.00	33.00	12.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	21.50	—	—	27.00	26.00	28.25	11.00	GNR W 3	—	24.67	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	26.00	28.00	1.00	GL W J	45.00	—	—	—	46.00	50.00	2.25
GNR BR 1	—	—	38.25	39.50	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	36.17	40.00	—	—	—	45.25	14.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	38.50	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	40.60	—	—	—	47.22	23.00
GL W XL	—	42.29	42.50	44.12	37.25	—	44.00	GL W MD	21.27	23.14	—	—	32.50	33.56	10.25
GL W LG	—	40.90	40.25	42.25	34.50	—	41.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25
GL W MD	—	25.50	20.25	22.00	27.00	28.00	10.50	NRBS - 36	17.00	19.33	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W SM	18.00	20.33	16.79	18.83	14.00	15.73	12.00								
NRBS - 48	25.75	28.89	25.89	—	28.83	28.85	27.50								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	26.00	27.19	4.50								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	19.00	22.00	2.00								
NRBS - 39	—	21.00	18.00	—	—	17.50	10.00								
NRBS - 36	16.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								

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.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 09/16/01 - 09/22/01

State	# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To	# Cases Shipped To	Total State
	Northern, CA	Central, CA			
Arizona	0	270	25,501	25,771	
Colorado	903	3,240	6,412	10,555	
Florida	0	0	26,350	26,350	
Indiana	0	850	810	1,660	
Iowa	4,164	2,430	21,302	27,896	
Maine	0	780	0	780	
Michigan	0	0	445	445	
Minnesota	0	3,370	2,440	5,810	
Missouri	0	0	2,717	2,717	
Nevada	0	0	400	400	
North Carolina	1,076	0	780	1,856	
Ohio	0	0	830	830	
Oregon	2,337	765	0	3,102	
Utah	2,400	4,530	5,008	11,938	
Wisconsin	204	0	780	984	
TOTAL	11,084	16,235	93,775	121,094	
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0	
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	11,084	16,235	93,775	121,094	

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	79-82	66-69	40-43	12-15

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
54-57	45-51	43-48	26-31	15-19

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
26-29	10-13	2

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
67.88	65.27	46.88	34.51

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/24/01	09/17/01	09/25/00
PACIFIC COAST	232	266	489
LOS ANGELES	0	0	460

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: 09/16/01-09/22/01
 30-dozen cases 6,718
 Receipts from the mainland: 09/9/01-09/15/01
 30-dozen cases 5,298

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