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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices ended the week unchanged in all locations. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, better where features were planned for next week. Supplies remained adequate to available. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate in the East, but were tight to unavailable in the Central region. Demand for additional product was moderate to good. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for the light and unaggressive demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate, but not as available as last week for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for the light and unaggressive demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal.

NEW YORK Prices ended the week unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements.

MIDWEST Prices ended the week unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with the best interest coming from feature activity. Food service movement was slow to generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances available. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were tight to unavailable with bids for additional heavy nest runs going unfilled. Demand was good as breakers seek heavy nest runs and sellers hold and watch market conditions. Schedules mostly full-time. Floor stocks balanced to tight. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

CHICAGO All prices unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies are adequate to available.

SOUTHERN Prices ended the week unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged in Atlanta. However, in Florida, next week's prices were trending higher from current week. The market tone was mostly steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were planned for next week. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock demand was moderate to good and supplies were about adequate but not as available as the previous week. Light type hens were at least adequate for the light and unaggressive demand.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings in fair balance within the region but increased from outside with spot sales reported at sharply lower prices than this time last week.

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.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	104-106	93-95	73-75
New York	70-72	67-70	53-56
Philadelphia	67-70	65-68	51-53
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	64-65	62.5-64	47-48
Jackson (1)	73-74	71-72	56-57
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	70-80	69-79	53-63
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	60-65	59-64	46-51
Detroit (2)	57-60	56-59	42-45
Major Ohio Cities (2)	58-64	57-62	43-49
Major Wisconsin Cities	61-68	59-66	46-53
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	80-84	78-80	61-64
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	81-93	80-87	66-72
California (Grade AA) (1) (3) 96	90	76	
(1) - Prices Reported Weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice Prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices To Retailers		

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand just fair. Local offerings in fair balance, out of state increased. Small invoice price 56. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 89, extra large dozen 99, 20 pack 3 for \$5, large dozen 99, 18 pack 129, medium dozen 88.

CALIFORNIA

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	100
EXTRA LARGE	96
LARGE	90
MEDIUM	76

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	87-97
EXTRA LARGE	81-93
LARGE	80-87
MEDIUM	66-72

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-269
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	179-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were higher. Offerings were tight to unavailable with bids for additional heavy nest runs going unfilled. Demand was good as breakers seek heavy nest runs and sellers hold and watch market conditions. Schedules mostly full-time. Floor stocks balanced to tight. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

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	36-39	36-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-22	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were generally higher on both checks and nest run breaking stock when compared to early week trading. The undertone was fully steady. Demand was moderate to good. However, traders were not actively seeking additional supplies for normal breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 20 October 2001 were 3% less than the previous week, and 8% less than a year earlier.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	31-36	32-35
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-24	18-21
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 20-Oct-01
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES		LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE				
CW	1,190,658	26,794	11,986	6,384	2,608	4,296
PW	1,192,358	27,436	11,665	6,124	3,049	4,240
LY	1,204,941	28,243	11,785	6,404	2,164	3,999
% PW	0	-2	3	4	-14	1
% LY	-1	-5	2	0	21	7
2001	48,609,038	1,102,562	488,476	261,368	107,777	173,296
2000	49,203,933	1,111,861	495,475	266,047	119,072	163,630
*% CHG YTD	-1	-1	-1	-2	-9	6
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE-			CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			41.54	41.49	41.85	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			37.93	37.93	38.53	

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS No pasteurized whites reported with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 78 to 81 cents fob, mostly 79 to 80 cents fob. Trade sentiment continued firm for whole egg and yolk with whites weak. Offerings of whole egg were tight with yolk tight to unavailable as buyers struggle to find enough current production to fill scheduled requirements. Demand was good to very good for yolk and whole egg and good for whites. Asking prices for next week continued higher for whole egg and yolk with buyer resistance seen at current white offering prices. Breaking stock supplies were closely balanced to tight with prices higher when compared to last week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 26 October, 2001 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	9	31-33.5	32.94	.14
WHITES	25	6-15.25	9.22	-2.38
YOLKS	4	76.5-79	77.88	3.19

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were lower on whites, balance of other mostly items were higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were usually short on yolk, adequate to short on whole egg, tighter but usually adequate on blends, and available on whites. Demand was reported in a range of light to occasionally good. Undertone was barely steady on whites, but fully steady to firm on yolks, and fully steady on whole eggs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 20 October 2001 were unchanged from the previous week, but 11% less than a year ago. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS			LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	
WHOLE	43-48	44-46	54-57	
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		66-90	
WHITES	22-32	24-30	29-49	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	82-88	84-87	85-93	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-84	80-83	79-90	
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.				

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Prices ranged 2 cents higher for whole egg, unchanged to 1 cent lower for whites, unchanged to 2 cents higher for sugared yolk, and 4 cents higher for salted yolk. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg and sugar and salt yolk and weak for whites. Demand was seasonally moderate with most buyers purchasing for immediate use. Freezer stocks in close balance. Breaking stock supplies were tight to short of needs with prices higher when compared to last week. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	44-48	45
WHITES	25-32	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	82-88	84-86
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-83	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 2 cents higher on whole, 1 cent lower on whites, and 3 cents higher on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 10/20 was 6% less than the previous week. Breaking stock lighter. Frozen demand seasonally good with freezer stocks generally adequate. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	52-55
WHITES	29-32
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	89-92
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	85-88

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on albumen, yolk and whole eggs were higher when compared to a week earlier. The undertone was barely steady on albumen, but fully steady on whole and firm on yolks. Offerings were reported as adequate to available on albumen, in close balance on whole and short on yolk. Demand was seasonal but reported as generally fair to occasionally good. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending October 20, 2001 were 14% less than the previous week, but 21% more than the same week a year ago. The overall total dried egg year to date change was 9% less than a year earlier.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.52-2.00	MOSTLY 1.58-1.65
YOLKS	1.75-2.15	MOSTLY 1.90-1.95
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.03-2.30	MOSTLY 2.05-2.15
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.20-1.35	MOSTLY 1.20-1.25

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 19, 2001-OCT 25, 2001

CURRENT LOADS								86.00	FUTURE LOADS								99.25	TOTAL LOADS								185.25
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW			LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST												
GNR W 1	42.00	51.71	44.10	45.82	42.00	42.93	61.00	GNR W 1	49.00	51.50	—	48.50	—	—	—	17.00										
GNR W 2	40.50	43.67	40.00	42.00	37.00	38.50	9.00	GNR W 3	36.00	39.75	—	—	—	—	5.00											
GNR W 3	—	43.00	—	—	32.25	38.58	6.00	GNR BR 1	47.00	49.00	—	—	—	54.00	2.00											
GNR BR 1	—	—	35.00	—	—	38.00	1.00	GL W J	48.00	—	—	—	—	57.00	4.00											
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	46.00	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	57.20	—	—	—	57.04	8.25										
GL W XL	49.00	55.29	50.50	51.91	45.21	51.25	35.75	GL W LG	51.00	57.26	—	56.50	—	56.00	21.00											
GL W LG	—	57.03	47.50	48.63	48.03	—	30.00	GL W MD	—	44.00	—	—	38.00	43.14	18.25											
GL W MD	31.50	44.00	33.29	35.60	34.35	41.00	28.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	.25											
GL W SM	23.38	24.71	21.50	23.74	20.50	22.50	12.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00											
NRBS - 50	—	—	37.00	39.00	—	38.50	3.25	NRBS - 42	24.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00											
NRBS - 48	—	34.00	31.00	—	35.70	36.33	18.75	NRBS - 39	25.00	26.00	—	—	—	—	1.00											
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	28.50	35.00	4.50																			
NRBS - 42	—	27.00	24.00	—	24.50	27.30	3.00																			
NRBS - 39	—	26.00	23.00	—	—	23.90	9.50																			

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. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Demand was light and unaggressive. Cannery movement was fair to moderate with offerings generally adequate for trade needs. The undertone was generally steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the moderate demand. Slaughter schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was at best moderate for irregular but adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Finished product sales were usually good and clearing. Trade sentiment was steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked near full schedules. Offerings adequate.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0 (2)	

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 26-OCT-01
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	70.38	68.01	53.88
SOUTHERN	69.60	68.40	52.60
MIDWEST	61.39	60.15	46.78
WESTERN	89.53	85.22	70.65
TWELVE METRO AREAS	75.15	72.43	58.22

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to good. Supplies were in a full range of short to adequate, but usually in good balance. Undertone was steady to fully steady.

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, W/O FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
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25-27 MAJORITY	32-38 MAJORITY 32.5-35
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CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
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26.25-28.5 MAJORITY 26.25-27	32.5-41 MAJORITY 34.5-35.5
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LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 26-Oct-01
(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,697	1,519	3,216
LAST WEEK	1,989	1,446	3,435
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,463	1,813	3,276
TO-DATE/2001	74,913	58,165	133,078
TO-DATE/2000	79,795	61,203	140,998

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	319	22	341
LAST WEEK	354	0	354
SAME WEEK YR AGO	347	6	353
TO-DATE/2001	17,794	273	18,067
TO-DATE/2000	19,492	563	20,055

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,016	1,541	3,557
LAST WEEK	2,343	1,446	3,789
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,810	1,819	3,629
TO-DATE/2001	92,707	58,438	151,145
TO-DATE/2000	99,287	61,766	161,053

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Week Ending Oct 13, 2001				
Liquid	379	202	10,066	5,845
Frozen	0	0	78	159
Dried	0	40	80	459
Total	379	242	10,224	6,463

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Week Ending Oct 13, 2001				
Liquid	178	58	4,424	4,225
Frozen	20	12	1,224	711
Dried	0	26	486	738
Total	198	96	6,134	5,674

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Week Ending Oct 13, 2001				
Jumbo	0	111	87	2,161
Extra Large	1,270	1,313	55,472	41,905
Large	3,360	2,620	108,196	120,353
Medium	1,230	549	36,898	28,196
Ungraded	8,910	9,750	326,660	318,484
Misc	0	0	68,144	9,387
Total	14,770	14,343	595,457	520,486

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	37-40	24-28	7-10

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

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
125-128	85-88	74-77	54-57	23-26

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
65-68	56-62	54-59	40-45	25-29

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 22-Oct-01	4,451	189,249	63,378
AM 1-Oct-01	3,509	198,453	57,300
CHG	942	-9204	6078
PCT CHG	27	-5	11

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW LY	
ATLANTA	18.6	23.1	-19	-18
BOSTON	3.9	3.8	3	-13
CHICAGO	41.8	43.9	-5	0
DETROIT	31.8	28.6	11	35
KANSAS CITY	2.9	3.3	-12	-52
LOS ANGELES	114.6	113.5	1	6
NEW ORLEANS	7.9	8.7	-9	-37
NEW YORK	37.8	34.8	9	14
ST. LOUIS	13.8	17.9	-23	-1
SAN FRANCISCO	19.9	20.3	-2	-6
TOTAL	293.0	297.9	-2	2
4 WK MVG AVG	304.2			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW LY	
N. ATLANTIC	224.4	1	7
E.N. CENTRAL	542.5	1	10
W.N. CENTRAL	279.9	-3	14
S. ATLANTIC	186.2	3	-5
S. CENTRAL	79.0	1	5
WEST	202.5	1	15
TOTAL	1514.5	1	9
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		88	88

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGGOCTOBER 23, 2001
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE118 MOSTLY	107 -	87 -	56 -	- -
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	110-114 112-113	99-103 101-102	79-83 81-82	48-52 50-51
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	117-121 117	106-110 106	86-90 86	55-59 55
VERMONT MOSTLY	120-121 121	110 -	89-90 90	- -

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CHICKENS AND EGGS**September Egg Production Up 3 Percent**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.04 billion during September 2001, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 5.99 billion table eggs and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 993 million were broiler-type and 59.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2001 averaged 335 million, up 3 percent from the total average number of layers during September 2000. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,104 eggs, slightly above the 2,101 eggs in September 2000. September 2001 contained 20 weekdays, and five Saturdays, compared to 21 weekdays, and five Saturdays in September 2000. All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2001, totaled 336 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 336 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.63 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2001, averaged 69.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 69.5 eggs a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.59 billion eggs during September 2001, up 3 percent from September 2000. The average number of layers during September, at 314 million, was up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 1 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during September totaled 36.6 million, up 1 percent from September 2000. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.3 million on October 1, 2001, up 5 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 225,000 during September 2001, down 3 percent from September 2000.