



# USDA EGG MARKET NEWS REPORT

MONDAY  
OCTOBER 29, 2001  
VOL. 48 NO. 87

ISSN 1520-6122

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News Branch



## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were higher on all sizes in Philadelphia and Florida. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was usually steady. Demand ranged light to at times good, best where features were in progress this week. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate to tight for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient for slaughter schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on all sizes when based on previous week average pricing. In Boston and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate, best where features were in progress. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate, but not as available for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were at least adequate for the light demand.

**MIDWEST** Prices were unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment steady. Retail demand was light to at times good. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times available with an increase in seller confidence as egg export is announced. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight for additional heavy nest run product. Buyers closely evaluating needs before purchasing additional product. Schedules mostly full-time. Floor stocks balanced to tight. Trade sentiment in a full range, steady to firm.

**CHICAGO** All prices continued 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 with export orders expected to maintain balanced inventories. Some reports of shortage on small eggs.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta, prices were unchanged. Prices in Florida were higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was usually steady. Demand was light to moderate and was best where features were in progress for this week. Supplies were adequate to available 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 October 26, 2001 was 68.40 cents, 4.06 cents more than the week before, but 4.97 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock demand was moderate to good for about adequate supplies. Light type hens were at least sufficient for current slaughter schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 10% higher than last Monday with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 23%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings in fair balance.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was generally steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate, best into feature activity. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade needs.

## 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	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>
Boston (Brown)	104-106	93-95	73-75
New York	70-72	67-70	53-56
Philadelphia	68-70	66-68	52-53
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
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
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
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
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	80-84	78-80	61-64
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	96	90	76
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 3% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to only fair. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 56. Ads in Northern California: major- jumbo dozen 199.

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

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	100	JUMBO	239-279
EXTRA LARGE	96	EXTRA LARGE	209-249
LARGE	90	LARGE	183-239
MEDIUM	76	MEDIUM	177-199
<b>PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.</b>			
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	
	<b>RANGE</b>		<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	239-289	JUMBO	239-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-269	EXTRA LARGE	209-249
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	183-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	177-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 02, 2001 will decrease by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 26, 2001 were 296,141 cases which was 14 percent above the prior week and 10 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	261,579	34,562	296,141
% change from the prior week.....	+18	-9	+14

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. Offerings were tight for additional heavy nest run product. Buyers closely evaluating needs before purchasing additional product. Schedules mostly full-time. Floor stocks balanced to tight. Trade sentiment in a full range, steady to firm. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, 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

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Sales of dressed product were fair with current schedules providing needed volume. Trade sentiment was at least steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-OCT-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11.5	8-9	8.84

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were about adequate to short and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone on live hens were mixed but at least steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-OCT-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-10.5	8-9	8.42
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 29, 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	12.1	21.0	10.5	15.2	13.3 72.1
	Change	2.5	3.8	0.8	1.6	3.4 20%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.1	60.6	23.7	30.6	29.0 173.0
	Change	4.8	7.9	11.1	0.2	1.4 17%
Large	Curr Wk	50.0	146.1	90.7	112.9	125.7 525.4
	Change	5.5	8.6	15.1	29.2	14.4 16%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.5	45.7	23.0	24.7	22.2 131.1
	Change	1.2	5.8	3.9	2.2	0.1 11%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	9.1	2.9	9.8	6.2 32.0
	Change	0.7	1.1	-0.4	1.5	0.8 13%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.4	22.1	6.7	10.3	6.1 48.6
	Change	-1.5	1.6	0.1	1.2	0.3 4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	29.2	38.2	27.2	41.0	35.6 171.2
	Change	6.6	-5.8	2.4	14.5	0.5 12%
Total	Curr Wk	143.3	342.8	184.7	244.5	238.1 1153.4
Percent	Change	16%	7%	22%	26%	10% 15%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1153.4	15%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	223.1	-15%	38
Total Shell Egg	1376.5	8%	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.

\*\*\*\*\*

**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 15, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	140	140	130	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 26, 2001

CURRENT LOADS		20.75		FUTURE LOADS				9.50		TOTAL LOADS				30.25	
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	—	—	43.50	47.75	44.67	—	6.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	39.00	—	—	35.50	—	2.00	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W XL	50.00	—	—	52.00	46.00	—	5.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	55.75	2.00
GL W LG	—	58.00	48.50	50.00	—	—	4.50	GL W MD	—	—	—	44.25	—	44.00	4.00
GL W MD	—	—	33.00	36.00	36.31	40.25	8.00								
GL W SM	—	—	21.00	22.50	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	37.00	39.00	—	—	.75								
NRBS - 48	32.00	35.00	35.00	36.00	38.00	40.00	3.00								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/22/01-10/26/01

CURRENT LOADS		90.25		FUTURE LOADS				82.25		TOTAL LOADS				172.50	
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	42.00	51.73	44.10	46.56	43.33	44.03	64.00	GNR W 1	49.00	52.00	—	48.50	—	—	18.00
GNR W 2	40.50	43.33	—	42.00	37.00	38.50	7.00	GNR W 3	36.00	40.25	—	—	—	—	5.00
GNR W 3	—	41.00	—	—	33.88	38.58	7.00	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	3.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	46.00	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	56.50	—	—	—	56.96	7.75
GL W XL	49.57	54.96	50.60	51.75	44.83	46.50	34.25	GL W LG	51.00	56.22	—	56.50	—	53.33	15.50
GL W LG	—	57.01	47.83	48.72	43.79	—	28.00	GL W MD	—	43.00	—	44.25	38.00	42.78	19.25
GL W MD	31.50	44.00	33.22	35.67	35.43	40.75	33.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	.25
GL W SM	23.65	25.05	21.50	23.65	20.50	22.50	11.25	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	37.00	39.00	—	38.50	4.00	NRBS - 42	24.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	32.00	34.80	34.20	36.00	36.67	37.14	19.25	NRBS - 39	25.00	26.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	35.75	4.00								
NRBS - 42	—	27.00	24.00	—	25.00	28.13	2.50								
NRBS - 39	—	26.00	23.00	—	—	24.50	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.

**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 10/14/01 - 10/20/01**

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
-------	---------------------------------	--------------------------------	---------------------------------	-------------

**NOT AVAILABLE**

**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
EXTRALARGE	85-88
LARGE	74-77
MEDIUM	54-57
SMALL	23-26

**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	65-68
EXTRALARGE	56-62
LARGE	54-59
MEDIUM	40-45
SMALL	25-29

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>RANGE</b>
LARGE	37-40
MEDIUM	24-28
SMALL	7-10

**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>
EXTRALARGE	77.88
LARGE	76.19
MEDIUM	60.50
SMALL	43.76

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

	<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
<b>ON HAND</b>	<b>10/22/01</b>	<b>10/15/01</b>	<b>10/23/00</b>
PACIFIC COAST	342	302	447
LOS ANGELES	0	0	382

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

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

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

**RECEIPTS FROM THE MAINLAND**

	<b>October 14-20, 2001</b>	<b>October 7-13, 2001</b>
Eggs: "30 Dozen Cases"	5,217	6,017

**USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS,  
POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES**

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Grover T. Hunter
	Fax	(202)720-2403	(Chief)
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman
	Fax	(404)562-5875	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(404)562-5856	
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown
	Fax	(601)965-4661	(Southern States Area Supervisor)
Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins
	Fax	(515)284-4468	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
Bell, CA	Voice	(323)269-4154	Jim Derby
	Fax	(323)269-5926	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(323)260-4676	