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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged in Chicago and New York. In most other locations, prices were higher on the larger sizes and lower on medium. The market tone was usually steady. Demand was moderate to good with the upcoming holiday providing additional interest. Supplies were mostly adequate for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample and demand was light to moderate. Light type hens were sufficient to fully sufficient for reduced processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to 1 cent lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher for large, when based on last week's average pricing. Prices were unchanged on the remainder of sizes and in New England. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was moderate to occasionally good, best where features were in progress for the upcoming holiday. Supplies were adequate for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were mixed, unchanged to higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to lower for the lighter weight eggs. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for the larger sizes and mediums were about steady to showing weakness at times. Retail and food service demand was moderate to at times very good into retail features and areas with extra Thanksgiving interest. Supplies were in good balance for the larger sized eggs and adequate to available for mediums. Central States nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades higher. Most breakers were not actively seeking additional nest runs as they were content to work from existing inventories. Additional offerings were adequate for the light demand. Schedules were reduced due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Trade sentiment steady

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into all outlets remains mixed, mostly moderate to good and best for features that are planned or in progress. Offerings closely balanced to adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta, prices were higher on the larger sizes but lower on mediums. However, in Florida, prices were lower on medium and unchanged on the balance. Prices in all other areas were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate and was best where holiday features were in progress for this week. Supplies were mostly 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 November 16, 2001 was 68.82 cents, 0.42 cents more than last week, but 12.37 cents less than the same week a year ago. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for fully sufficient to ample offerings. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for reduced schedules.

WESTERN Prices unchanged to 1 cent higher on jumbo, 1-2 cents higher on extra large, 2 cents higher on large, and unchanged to 1 cent lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 5% lower than last week with California down 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 9%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings light.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged beginning the holiday week. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was moderate, instances good where features were in place. Supplies were sufficient for present 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	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	104-106	96-98	74-76
New York	75-77	72-75	54-57
Philadelphia	72.5-75	70.5-73	53-55
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	65-66	63.5-65	45-46
Jackson (1)	72-73	71-72	54-55
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-82	71-81	52-62
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	63-68	62-67	45-50
Detroit (2)	60-63	59-62	41-44
Major Ohio Cities (2)	61-67	60-65	42-48
Major Wisconsin Cities	64-71	62-69	45-52
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	82-84	78-81	60-63
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	98	94	77
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(2) - Delivered Warehouse		
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large and large, and 1 cent lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 2% lower than last week. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings light. Small invoice price 57. Ads in Northern California: major - large dozen 149-169, dozen and 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

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

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	100		
EXTRA LARGE	98		
LARGE	94		
MEDIUM	77		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	239-289	JUMBO	239-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-269	EXTRA LARGE	209-249
LARGE	169-209	LARGE	183-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	175-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 23, 2001 will increase by 35 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 16, 2001 were 245,086 cases which was 13 percent below the prior week and 8 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	207,595	37,491	245,086
% change from the prior week.....	-16	+13	-13

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades higher. Most breakers were not actively seeking additional nest runs as they were content to work from existing inventories. Additional offerings were adequate for the light demand. Schedules were reduced due to the Thanksgiving holiday. 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	41-43
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	24-29

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 compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Current week slaughter schedules were reduced. Finished sales were active. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-NOV-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.5	7.5-8.75	8.69

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate. Offerings were at least adequate for the reduced holiday schedules. Canner supplies were adequate to instances short and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was mixed but at least steady.

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FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-NOV-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-10.5	8-9	8.57
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Nov 19, 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	8.0	14.0	8.5	13.4	13.8 57.7
	Change	-1.8	-4.3	0.3	-1.3	0.1 -11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.5	46.9	14.8	31.0	28.1 149.3
	Change	1.0	2.6	-4.6	-2.3	5.0 1%
Large	Curr Wk	47.9	97.7	99.7	86.8	80.7 412.8
	Change	-1.3	-25.9	-14.1	-12.5	-21.1 -15%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.7	36.3	22.2	22.0	30.0 125.2
	Change	-2.0	-4.3	-3.0	-5.4	2.9 -9%
Small	Curr Wk	4.8	8.9	3.2	7.0	5.5 29.4
	Change	0.4	-1.0	-0.1	0.2	2.1 6%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.2	17.3	9.1	13.7	5.7 50.0
	Change	0.5	-2.3	0.2	2.3	0.7 3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.5	38.8	38.5	37.9	32.1 168.8
	Change	-6.9	-6.5	-8.2	-5.4	0.1 -14%
Total	Curr Wk	129.6	259.9	196.0	211.8	195.9 993.2
Percent	Change	-7%	-14%	-13%	-10%	-5% -10%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	993.2	-10%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	214.7	-9%	38
Total Shell Egg	1207.9	-10%	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 NOVEMBER 05, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	183.8	179.8	169.8	113.6
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 01, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2001

CURRENT LOADS		18.00		FUTURE LOADS		8.50		TOTAL LOADS		26.50					
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	47.00	49.00	—	49.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	55.00	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	40.00	42.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	58.50	4.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	44.00	—	1.00	GL W MD	34.00	36.50	—	—	37.00	38.00	3.00
GL W XL	—	—	57.50	58.50	—	—	2.50								
GL W LG	—	—	53.50	55.00	49.50	—	5.50								
GL W MD	—	—	33.50	35.00	34.00	—	2.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	38.00	39.00	35.50	37.00	6.25								
NRBS - 39	—	—	21.00	23.00	—	—	4.25								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/12/01-11/16/01

CURRENT LOADS		122.50		FUTURE LOADS		57.50		TOTAL LOADS		180.00					
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		MW		LOADS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	47.35	51.56	47.17	49.11	46.60	48.00	56.00	GNR W 1	49.88	52.00	—	51.00	—	—	22.00
GNR W 2	—	46.00	—	—	40.20	37.50	9.00	GNR W 2	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	35.00	38.00	2.00	GNR W 3	36.00	37.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	40.00	42.10	—	—	5.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	55.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	52.00	43.50	60.00	3.00	GL W XL	—	57.00	—	—	—	59.92	9.00
GL W XL	—	57.69	53.86	55.73	47.69	50.33	35.50	GL W LG	53.00	58.08	—	—	—	60.36	16.50
GL W LG	51.67	56.64	53.83	56.14	54.41	62.20	35.75	GL W MD	36.18	39.61	33.00	—	35.00	39.80	15.25
GL W MD	28.00	37.75	35.44	36.88	32.06	38.00	14.25	GL W SM	24.33	25.33	—	—	—	—	.75
GL W SM	—	—	23.00	24.50	24.00	26.00	4.00	GL BR MD	29.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL BR SM	29.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR SM	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	49.00	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 42	29.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	38.00	38.20	35.50	43.26	27.25								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	31.00	32.50	1.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	35.00	3.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	21.00	23.00	—	31.00	12.25								

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.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 11/04/01 - 11/10/01

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	950	950
Colorado	0	0	4,678	4,678
Indiana	0	0	950	950
Iowa	4,970	0	32,484	37,454
Minnesota	0	0	2,560	2,560
Missouri	0	0	3,742	3,742
Montana	0	0	894	894
Nevada	0	0	168	168
New Hampshire	0	0	1,630	1,630
Ohio	0	0	940	940
Oregon	2,127	288	0	2,415
Pennsylvania	0	0	750	750
Texas	0	0	930	930
Utah	2,493	660	5,598	8,751
Wisconsin	384	800	2,270	3,454
TOTAL	9,974	1,748	58,544	70,266
SHIPPED TO MILITA	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMI	9,974	1,748	58,544	70,266

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	85-88	77-80	55-58	23-26

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 11/4/01-11/10/01
 30-dozen cases 7,231
 Receipts from the mainland: 10/28/01-11/3/01
 30-dozen cases 7,035

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
68-71	59-65	57-62	39-44	25-29

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
79.57	78.57	61.96	44.51

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
40-43	23-27	7-10

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/12/01	11/5/01	11/13/00
PACIFIC COAST	239	244	272
LOS ANGELES	184	208	211

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