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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York and Chicago but were lower in all other areas. The market tone was mixed, usually about steady entering the week. Demand was light to good. Supplies were mostly adequate to available. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for the light to mostly fair demand.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 4.5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 5 cents lower for mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 5 cents lower on all sizes when based on previous week averages. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed. Demand was light to at times good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type hens were at least adequate for the light to mostly fair demand.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detoit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 5 to 7 cents lower. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate, best for features. Food service movement was slow to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central States nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings fully adequate. Breakers were reporting an influx of gradeable and graded shell egg offerings at this call. Floor stocks fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to instances barely steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features were a factor. Offerings adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Prices in Atlanta and Florida were lower on all sizes. The market tone was about steady entering the week. Demand was light to moderate and was best where limited 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 November 30, 2001 was 67.82 cents, 1.93 cents less than the previous week and 12.52 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient to ample from regular sources and demand was light. Light type hens were at least adequate for current slaughter requirements.

**WESTERN** Prices 3-4 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 5 cents lower on large, and 6-7 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 11% higher than last Monday with California up 15% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 5%. Retailer demand fair to good, best to cover features. Offerings in fair balance.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Demand was light to instances good, better where limited features were planned or in progress for this week. Supplies were adequate 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
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>
Boston (Brown)	99-101	91-93	69-71
New York	68-70	65-68	46-49
Philadelphia	66-69.5	64-67.5	45-48
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	57-58	55.5-57	37-38
Jackson (1)	65-66	64-65	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	62-72	61-71	42-52
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	56-61	55-60	36-41
Detroit (2)	53-56	52-55	32-35
Major Ohio Cities (2)	54-60	53-58	33-39
Major Wisconsin Cities	57-64	55-62	36-43
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	72-75	68-71	49-52
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	87	69
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 3 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 5 cents lower on large, and 6 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 15% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good, best where features planned. Offerings in fair balance. Small invoice price 49. Ads in Northern California: major - extra large 18 pack 249, large 18 pack 149, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large 18 pack 98. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	95		
EXTRA LARGE	93		
LARGE	87		
MEDIUM	69		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	239-289	JUMBO	239-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-269	EXTRA LARGE	209-249
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	183-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	175-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 07, 2001 will increase by 15 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 30, 2001 were 258,943 cases which was 21 percent below the prior week and 6 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	228,953	29,990	258,943
% change from the prior week.....	-22	-15	-21

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 lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings fully adequate. Breakers were reporting an influx of gradeable and graded shell egg offerings at this call. Floor stocks fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to instances barely 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	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	28-31	29-31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-17	
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 for spent hens was moderate for adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were moderate to good with supplies in good balance. Trade sentiment was at least steady.  
 HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-DEC-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9.25	8.67
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate to about adequate offering. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal. Canner supplies were about adequate and well cleared. The market tone was at least steady.  
 HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-DEC-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.59
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 DEC 03, 2001**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
 (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
<b>Jumbo</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>14.5 65.6</b>
	Change	1.9	3.7	1.1	-1.6	-0.4 8%
<b>Ex Lge</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>28.3 141.2</b>
	Change	1.9	-11.7	-4.6	-2.5	-1.7 -12%
<b>Large</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>124.7</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>124.2 484.4</b>
	Change	9.0	14.8	9.5	13.5	30.2 19%
<b>Medium</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>23.7 123.2</b>
	Change	-0.9	-2.1	0.7	1.4	-1.7 -2%
<b>Small</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>5.4 25.9</b>
	Change	-0.7	0.7	-0.6	-1.4	0.8 -4%
<b>Misc</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>7.0 54.7</b>
	Change	0.9	-0.5	1.8	-1.0	0.7 4%
<b>Ungraded</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>36.6 171.5</b>
	Change	8.8	4.7	-4.8	-10.4	-4.4 -3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>139.6</b>	<b>298.6</b>	<b>191.9</b>	<b>196.7</b>	<b>239.7 1066.5</b>
Percent	Change	18%	3%	2%	-1%	11% 5%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>Number of Cases</b>		<b>Percent Change</b>		<b>Number of Cooperators</b>

Shell Egg	1066.5	5%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	276.7	-1%	38

Total Shell Egg 1343.2 4% 207  
 1/Information is supplied by a universe of 169 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

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
	118.7	289.0	188.8	198.7	216.2 1011.4

**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 19, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	183.6	179.8	169.8	113.6
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 19, 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 30, 2001

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	17.25	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	12.25	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	29.50
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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	—	—	38.50	40.00	37.00	38.00	10.00	GNR W 1	40.50	43.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	53.00	.50
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	50.00	53.00	1.00
GL W XL	—	—	47.00	49.00	43.50	—	3.25	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	34.50	2.00
GL W LG	—	—	46.00	48.00	—	—	1.50	NRBS - 48	24.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W MD	—	—	23.50	—	—	—	2.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	28.50	29.00	3.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	15.00	17.00	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 39	—	—	15.00	17.00	—	—	4.50								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/26/01-11/30/01

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	144.75	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	91.00	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	235.75
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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	40.00	44.14	39.83	42.17	36.81	39.77	50.00	GNR W 1	40.50	41.56	—	47.00	—	—	28.00
GNR W 2	—	40.00	41.50	43.00	34.33	31.50	13.00	GNR W 2	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	—	2.00	GNR W 3	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR XL	—	47.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W J	47.38	—	—	—	—	55.27	2.75
GL W J	—	—	—	—	46.00	—	.75	GL W XL	49.00	43.00	—	—	45.88	50.33	13.75
GL W XL	50.00	51.57	48.50	49.78	38.71	—	41.50	GL W LG	43.89	48.00	—	—	47.29	48.82	14.50
GL W LG	—	51.20	45.72	48.83	38.38	—	17.25	GL W MD	29.00	32.40	28.00	—	28.40	33.73	20.00
GL W MD	24.00	30.00	24.33	27.50	25.40	31.67	22.50	GL W SM	—	29.00	—	—	—	26.00	1.50
GL W SM	24.75	27.13	24.07	25.83	23.00	26.00	11.50	GL BR MD	—	29.00	—	—	—	—	.50
GL BR LG	—	—	48.00	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	24.00	—	—	37.00	—	—	3.00
GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	NRBS - 45	19.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	28.08	29.50	3.00	NRBS - 42	19.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	25.00	28.60	27.13	27.00	28.57	30.72	54.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	24.50	25.00	2.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	15.00	17.00	18.90	22.22	2.50								
NRBS - 39	—	—	13.29	17.00	15.41	18.97	22.25								

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 11/18/01 - 11/24/01**

State	# Cases Shipped To			Total State
	Northern, CA	Central, CA	Southern, CA	
Arizona	0	0	830	830
Colorado	0	0	1,659	1,659
Iowa	3,565	1,070	21,007	25,642
Michigan	0	0	840	840
Minnesota	0	1,560	3,330	4,890
Missouri	0	0	2,326	2,326
New Hampshire	0	0	1,650	1,650
Ohio	0	580	810	1,390
Oregon	3,063	411	0	3,474
South Dakota	0	0	980	980
Utah	810	3,809	9,506	14,125
Wisconsin	0	0	2,644	2,644
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,438</b>	<b>7,430</b>	<b>45,582</b>	<b>60,450</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMI</b>	<b>7,438</b>	<b>7,430</b>	<b>45,582</b>	<b>60,450</b>

**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
120-123	80-83	72-75	50-53	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.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
61-64	52-58	50-55	30-35	25-29

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
33-36	14-18	7-10

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

ON HAND	11/26/01	11/19/01	11/27/00
PACIFIC COAST	158	215	177
LOS ANGELES	110	154	134

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 11/18/01-11/24/01  
 30-dozen cases 4,677  
 Receipts from the mainland: 11/11/01-11/17/01  
 30-dozen cases 6,782

**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
75.03	74.03	56.03	44.51

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