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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were generally unchanged in all areas except Florida, where prices were noted at lower levels. The market tone was steady entering the week. Demand was in a full range of light to good, best where features planned or in progress for this week. Supplies were mostly adequate to instances close for current requirements. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the light to fair demand. Light type hens were sufficient for slaughter needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1.5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 2 cents lower for mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In Boston and New England, prices continued unchanged. The market tone was generally steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate for full trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were adequate for usually normal processing schedules.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged in all reported areas. Trade sentiment was steady to at least steady. Retail demand was moderate to good with a healthy number of features planned for this week in an attempt to move extra product for the upcoming holidays. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were somewhat mixed, mostly adequate to at times close. Central States nest run breaking stock mostly prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades ranging unchanged. Demand was quiet as breakers assess needs for the upcoming week. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with breakers bidding lower values. Most breakers worked from regular commitments. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to steady at best.

CHICAGO Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices in Atlanta were unchanged but were lower on all sizes in Florida. The market tone was usually steady entering the week. Demand ranged light to moderate and was best where holiday features were planned or in progress for this week. Supplies were mostly 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 December 7, 2001 was 60.98 cents, 6.84 cents less than the previous week and 18.94 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for the fair demand. Light type hens were adequate for slaughter schedules.

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 1% lower than last Monday with California down 7% and Oregon- Washington-Utah up 7%. Retailer demand good, best where widespread features planned throughout the region. Offerings lighter.

NEW YORK Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate to instances good, best where features on medium and large sizes were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were fully sufficient for 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
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	99-101	91-93	69-71
New York	68-70	65-68	46-49
Philadelphia	66-68	64-66	45-46
SOUTHERN CITIES			
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
MIDWEST CITIES			
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
WESTERN CITIES			
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 unchanged. The California inventory was 7% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings lighter. Small invoice price 49. Ads in Northern California: major - large dozen 100-129, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 199.

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

	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.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-289	JUMBO	238-279
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 14, 2001 will increase by 12 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 07, 2001 were 293,909 cases which was 14 percent above the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	265,464	28,445	293,909
% change from the prior week.....	+16	-5	+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 Nest run breaking stock mostly prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades ranging unchanged. Demand was quiet as breakers assess needs for the upcoming week. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with breakers bidding lower values. Most breakers worked from regular commitments. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to steady at best.
 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 when compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Finished sales were good with shipping channels active for pre-holiday needs. Schedules were increased slightly. Trade sentiment was at least steady.
 HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-DEC-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.86
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Canner supplies were about adequate for current trade requirements. The market tone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-DEC-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.47
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 10, 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	11.2	14.9	9.2	14.0	65.7
	Change	1.6	-4.7	0.7	0.6	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.4	47.3	17.8	23.8	143.0
	Change	-2.2	8.3	-0.3	-3.4	1%
Large	Curr Wk	48.8	127.5	90.4	114.4	505.6
	Change	2.1	2.8	-2.6	18.6	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.7	35.3	20.2	22.5	117.4
	Change	0.8	-4.9	-2.4	0.7	-5%
Small	Curr Wk	5.4	12.2	3.3	3.7	28.7
	Change	1.1	2.3	0.9	-0.2	11%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.5	21.7	7.3	17.0	56.4
	Change	-1.8	2.5	-2.6	3.7	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	31.8	43.8	35.3	23.0	167.8
	Change	1.6	-2.2	-2.1	1.7	-2%
Total	Curr Wk	142.8	302.7	183.5	218.4	1084.6
Percent	Change	2%	1%	-4%	11%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1084.6	2%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	268.0	-3%	38
Total Shell Egg	1352.6	1%	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.

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 26, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	183.8	179.8	169.8	113.6
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 26, 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 DECEMBER 07, 2001

CURRENT LOADS							19.00			FUTURE LOADS			32.50			TOTAL LOADS		
51.50	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	40.00	—	40.50	42.00	—	—	16.00	GNR W 1	39.00	40.00	—	—	—	—	2.00			
GL W XL	—	—	47.50	49.00	46.50	51.00	10.25	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	52.00	55.50	3.50			
GL W LG	—	—	42.50	44.69	45.50	—	3.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	49.00	53.50	1.50			
GL W MD	—	—	25.00	27.17	—	—	1.75											
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.50	28.75	28.83	30.33	5.00											
NRBS - 39	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	—	10.50											

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/03/01-12/07/01

CURRENT LOADS							88.00			FUTURE LOADS			97.75			TOTAL LOADS			185.75
	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		MW		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	37.67	40.33	40.50	42.17	33.00	38.63	55.00	GNR W 1	39.50	42.36	—	44.50	—	—	27.00				
GNR W 2	—	37.00	39.00	37.78	—	34.50	8.25	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GNR W 3	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	—	2.75	GL W J	52.00	—	—	—	—	60.00	3.25				
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	48.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	48.00	52.00	—	—	52.73	54.90	10.75				
GNR BR 1	—	50.00	42.50	44.00	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	49.25	51.00	—	—	49.00	51.90	6.50				
GL W J	—	—	—	—	48.50	—	1.25	GL W MD	29.00	30.17	—	37.25	—	35.00	10.00				
GL W XL	44.00	47.69	47.00	49.35	44.82	54.75	42.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	37.00	—	—	1.00				
GL W LG	—	46.97	44.25	47.94	44.41	43.00	17.00	NRBS - 39	20.00	26.75	—	—	—	—	4.00				
GL W MD	24.00	28.75	25.55	27.93	25.00	—	14.75	NRBS - 36	—	26.00	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GL W SM	—	—	23.50	25.85	23.00	25.00	8.00												
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.70	28.90	29.75	31.70	38.25												
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	26.33	27.83	3.00												
NRBS - 39	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	19.50	31.50												
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	13.00	3.00												

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 11/25/01 - 12/01/01

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Arkansas	0	0	1,984	1,984
Colorado	0	0	3,815	3,815
Iowa	5,045	2,719	32,003	39,767
Maine	0	0	800	800
Michigan	0	0	1,790	1,790
Minnesota	780	0	6,550	7,330
Missouri	0	0	1,580	1,580
New Hampshire	0	0	2,916	2,916
Ohio	940	580	3,820	5,340
Oregon	2,022	1,323	0	3,345
South Dakota	0	0	900	900
Utah	1,574	2,140	9,595	13,309
Washington	0	660	0	660
Wisconsin	0	0	3,420	3,420
TOTAL	10,361	7,422	69,173	86,956
SHIPPED TO MILITA	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMI	10,361	7,422	69,173	86,956

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	12/03/01	11/26/01	12/04/00
PACIFIC COAST	242	158	149
LOS ANGELES	188	110	109

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 11/25/01-12/1/01
 30-dozen cases 6,075
 Receipts from the mainland: 11/18/01-11/24/01
 30-dozen cases 4,677

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
72.27	71.27	52.57	44.51

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