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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In Chicago, prices were higher on all sizes. Prices in other areas were usually unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was in a full range of light to good and was best where features were planned for next week. Supplies were adequate to in close balance. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to burdensome and demand was light. Light type hens were mostly adequate for normal schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums. In Philadelphia and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand improved in some locations and ranged light to moderate, best where featured. Supplies were generally adequate. Breaking stock supplies were ample to burdensome for the light demand. Light type hens were mostly adequate for the fair demand. Processing schedules for next week were normal.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged entering the weekend. The market tone was fully steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, instances good, better where features were planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were sufficient for requirements.

**MIDWEST** Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were up 1 cent for large, 2 cents higher for mediums and unchanged for smalls. Prices in other reported areas were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good, best for holiday features. Retail feature in Wisconsin on two dozen large for 99 cents. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good with additional improvement expected. Supplies were irregular, fully adequate to close. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings fully adequate to ample, which include product from irregular suppliers for the light demand. Floor stocks fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to barely steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for larger sizes increased 1 cent, mediums advanced 2 cents. The market tone was steady to firm. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, instances good. Best movement noted on features that are planned or in progress. Supplies closely balanced to barely adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on mediums but unchanged on the balance. The market tone was usually steady to occasionally fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were planned for next week. Supplies were adequate for present needs. Breaking stock demand was light and offerings were ample to burdensome. Light type fowl were mostly adequate for normal schedules.

**WEST COAST** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week throughout the region 1 cent higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand good. Offerings in close balance.

## 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	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	99-102	91-94	69-71
New York	69-71	66-69	49-52
Philadelphia	66-69	64-67	45-49
<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	57-62	56-61	40-45
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
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	80-90	77-84	59-65
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	93	87	69

- (1) - Prices reported weekly
- (2) - Delivered Warehouse
- (3) - Reported Invoice prices
- (4) - Prices To Retailers

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 1 cent higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand good. Offerings in close balance. Small invoice price 49. Ads in Southern California: major - large dozen 69, 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets-jumbo dozen 79-99, large dozen 68-99.

## CALIFORNIA

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	95
EXTRA LARGE	93
LARGE	87
MEDIUM	69

## 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	82-92
EXTRA LARGE	80-90
LARGE	77-84
MEDIUM	59-65

### 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 unchanged. Offerings from regular sources were fully adequate for current needs. Spot offerings were fully adequate to instances ample. Demand continued light. Floor stocks fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to barely steady.  
 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	28-31	28-30
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		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week's trading. The market tone was cautiously steady at current price levels. Demand was light for ample to burdensome offerings. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending December 8, 2001 were 4 percent less than the previous week, however 2 percent more than the same week last year.  
 PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	25-31	26-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-20.5	14-18
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 08-Dec-01**  
 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES		LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK			
CW	1,251,878	27,715	13,257	6,810	3,002	4,622	
PW	1,264,440	27,338	13,418	7,156	3,014	4,554	
LY	1,103,159	26,741	9,904	5,517	2,361	3,899	
% PW	-1	1	-1	-5	0	1	
% LY	13	4	34	23	27	19	
2001	56,910,601	1,293,545	570,135	304,482	125,900	203,199	
2000	57,207,603	1,303,862	569,058	306,376	135,492	191,444	
*% CHG YTD	-1	-1	0	-1	-7	6	

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE-	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.86	41.49	41.75
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.17	37.89	38.22

**NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS** Pasteurized whites reported at 15 cents fob, with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 61 to 69 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and weak for yolk. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for all liquid products. Many breakers were considering shorter breaking schedules and reduced separation schedules at this call. Demand was fair to instances good for whole egg and whites and just fair for yolk. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate with prices slightly lower when compared to last week's reported prices.  
 Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 14 December, 2001 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	10	29-30	29.10	.48
WHITES	21	5.5-12.75	9.57	.12
YOLKS	11	60-75	67.18	-7.65

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on whites and lower on the balance of items when compared to previous week's trading. Demand was seasonally light for available offerings. The undertone ranged barely steady to weak. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending December 08, 2001 were 2% lower than the previous week, but 92% higher than the same week last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	41-45	42-43	51-53
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		68-85
WHITES	22-32	22-26	28-49
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	78-84	80-84	86-92
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-81	73-80	82-87
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen mostly values were lower on all products. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak with sugar and salt yolk in the weakest position. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate for all frozen products. Quiet interest from prospective buyers was influencing breakers to build current frozen inventories. Demand was reported as in seasonal decline. Breaking stock supplies were at least fully adequate from regular sources with prices slightly lower when compared to last week.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	42-45	42-44
WHITES	22-32	22-25
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	78-84	80-84
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-80.5	76-80

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 1 cent lower on whole, unchanged on whites, and 6 cents lower on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 12/8 was 6% less than the previous week. Breaking stock light. Frozen demand seasonally good with freezer stocks clearing.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	50-53
WHITES	29-32
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	86-89
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	82-85

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Mostly prices were lower on all products when compared to a week earlier. Demand was very light. Supplies were available for current trade needs. The undertone was barely steady to weak. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending December 08, 2001 were unchanged from the previous week, but 27% higher than the same week last year.

The overall total dried egg year to date change was 7% lower than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	1.49-1.75	MOSTLY	1.53-1.60
YOLKS	1.65-2.05	MOSTLY	1.90-2.00
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.91-2.05	MOSTLY	1.95-2.05
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.15-1.25	MOSTLY	1.20-1.25

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 07, 2001-DEC 13, 2001

CURRENT LOADS			96.00			FUTURE LOADS			91.75			TOTAL LOADS			187.75		
SE			NE			MW			SC			NW			SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	40.00	42.29	40.92	42.44	—	38.00	56.00	GNR W 1	39.40	41.87	—	—	—	—	8.50		
GNR W 2	—	37.00	—	—	30.50	32.00	5.00	GNR W 2	37.00	38.00	—	—	—	—	3.00		
GNR W 3	—	33.00	26.42	—	28.00	—	8.00	GNR W 3	—	32.54	—	—	—	—	7.00		
GNR W 4	—	—	23.00	24.75	23.00	25.10	7.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	61.60	1.25		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	48.50	—	1.25	GL W XL	49.00	50.60	—	—	52.00	56.54	11.75		
GL W XL	45.25	48.28	47.94	50.55	47.45	54.75	41.25	GL W LG	—	52.00	—	—	49.00	55.76	6.75		
GL W LG	—	47.87	43.75	47.63	47.11	—	25.50	GL W MD	31.50	33.53	—	—	—	36.00	8.25		
GL W MD	—	32.00	28.44	30.39	28.38	35.00	18.50	GL W SM	—	26.00	—	—	—	—	.50		
GL W SM	25.75	27.13	24.00	25.50	—	—	3.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	37.00	—	—	1.00		
NRBS - 48	24.00	—	28.50	29.38	28.50	31.21	42.00	NRBS - 45	19.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
NRBS - 45	—	—	23.00	—	25.75	26.17	6.00	NRBS - 36	—	22.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
NRBS - 39	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	19.50	24.50										
NRBS - 36	—	—	8.00	—	16.00	12.00	2.00										

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. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair at best and generally unaggressive. Offerings were mostly adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Cannery movement was moderate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings usually fully adequate for the moderate demand. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Finished product movement was reported as improved. Trade sentiment steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was slow to moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings of light fowl. Finished sales were seasonal. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings ample.

**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 14-DEC-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	68.86	66.48	48.58
SOUTHERN	62.11	60.98	42.18
MIDWEST	57.49	56.22	37.33
WESTERN	86.39	81.43	63.04
TWELVE METRO AREAS	72.02	69.04	50.64

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged fair to good. Supplies were sufficient on lights, close balance to instances tight on heavies. Undertone was steady on lights; at least steady to fully steady on heavies.

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

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26-27.5 MAJORITY 26.5	31-38 MAJORITY 33-35

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26-28.5 MAJORITY 26.5-27	32.75-41 MAJORITY 35-36.5

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 08-Dec-01

(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,901	1,684	3,585
LAST WEEK	1,932	1,419	3,351
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,927	1,353	3,280
TO-DATE/2001	87,091	67,838	154,929
TO-DATE/2000	92,378	70,585	162,963

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	392	11	403
LAST WEEK	335	0	335
SAME WEEK YR AGO	498	11	509
TO-DATE/2001	19,999	305	20,304
TO-DATE/2000	22,268	612	22,880

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	2,293	1,695	3,988
LAST WEEK	2,267	1,419	3,686
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,425	1,364	3,789
TO-DATE/2001	107,090	68,143	175,233
TO-DATE/2000	114,646	71,197	185,843

**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
Liquid	227	91	12,408	7,108
Frozen	0	0	78	239
Dried	40	74	362	577
Total	267	165	12,848	7,924

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	190	54	5,527	4,683
Frozen	46	23	1,555	852
Dried	0	20	614	840
Total	236	97	7,696	6,375

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	80	87	2,271
Extra Large	2,360	1,100	66,402	48,746
Large	4,133	3,910	132,214	137,587
Medium	1,193	2,058	43,251	37,113
Ungraded	9,430	6,750	420,610	381,584
Misc	750	0	70,364	11,837
Total	17,866	13,898	732,928	619,138

/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
	34-37	18-22	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
120-123	81-84	73-76	50-53	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
61-64	52-58	50-55	30-35	25-29

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

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 08-Dec-01	3,119	72,485	79,269
AM 1-Dec-01	3,030	69,047	73,444
CHG	89	3438	5825
PCT CHG	3	5	8

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	23.3	25.7	-9	-5
BOSTON	3.7	4.2	-12	-18
CHICAGO	55.2	60.5	-9	10
DETROIT	29.6	22.6	31	-22
KANSAS CITY	4.1	4.1	0	14
LOS ANGELES	168.6	107.0	58	37
NEW ORLEANS	11.3	11.0	3	33
NEW YORK	37.3	30.9	21	23
ST. LOUIS	17.5	18.9	-7	4
SAN FRANCISCO	25.1	22.3	13	10
TOTAL	375.7	307.2	22	16
4 WK MVG AVG	345.1			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	235.4	3	3
E.N. CENTRAL	551.6	3	3
W.N. CENTRAL	290.8	0	11
S. ATLANTIC	194.5	-2	-8
S. CENTRAL	84.9	0	7
WEST	205.9	4	3
TOTAL	1563.1	2	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		88	88

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, DECEMBER 11, 2001 PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
<b>MAINE</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>56</b>
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	<b>106-110</b>	<b>98-102</b>	<b>76-80</b>	<b>49-53</b>
MOSTLY	108-109	100-101	78-79	51-52
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	<b>112-116</b>	<b>104-108</b>	<b>82-86</b>	<b>55-59</b>
MOSTLY	112	104	82	55
<b>VERMONT</b>	<b>115-116</b>	<b>105-108</b>	<b>85-86</b>	-
MOSTLY	116	108	86	-

**EGG PRODUCTS**

Shell Eggs Broken Up 4 Percent

Shell eggs broken totaled 162 million dozen during October 2001, up 4 percent from October a year ago.

October 2001 contained 23 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays in October 2000.

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