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Prices were generally unchanged in most terminal areas following the long holiday weekend, although some locations values were higher on mediums and slightly higher on larger sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were usually adequate to well balanced with most areas reporting less inventories than a week earlier. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample with the Eastern region in the longest position. Demand for additional product was fair to very light. Spent fowl were at least adequate for the light demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia prices on larger sizes were unchanged to .5 cent higher and medium prices were unchanged to 3 cents higher. In New England and Boston prices were unchanged entering the week. The market tone was steady on both white and brown eggs. Demand was moderate to instances good after the long holiday weekend. Supplies were generally adequate for current needs. Breaking stock demand was steady at best for ample to burdensome offerings. Offerings for light type hens was mostly adequate for a fair at best demand.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 4 cents higher for medium and were unchanged for the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good especially for post Christmas fill-in orders. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to in balance. Central states breaking stock prices unchanged. Trading and demand were light following the extended holiday weekend. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were part-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged when compared to Monday's values. The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies of medium were closely balanced to slightly more available, large were clearing and in a good position, extra large were balanced to short. Breaking stock supplies were ample to plentiful with interest for additional product light. Spent fowl were fully sufficient for the light to fair demand. The Georgia shell egg inventory was 16 % less than the previous week.

WESTERN Prices throughout the region unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 22% lower than last week with California down 15% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 31%. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in good balance.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady following the Christmas holiday. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient for needs.

CHICAGO All prices unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Retail and food service demand generally moderate to good following the extended holiday weekend. Supplies generally adequate to available.

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)	100-102	92-94	69-71
New York	69-71	66-69	52-55
Philadelphia	67-69	65-67	50-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	57-58	55.5-57	43-44
Jackson (1)	65-66	64-65	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	62-72	61-71	45-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	57-62	56-61	44-49
Detroit (2)	54-57	53-56	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	55-61	54-59	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	58-65	56-63	44-51
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	72-75	68-71	52-55
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	94	88	77
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 15% lower than last week. Retailer demand fairly good. Holiday supplies cleared well. Small invoice price 57. Ads in Northern California: major - large dozen and 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 78-99.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	96
EXTRA LARGE	94
LARGE	88
MEDIUM	77

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	185-249
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	175-199

NOTICE

Effective January 2, 2002, the Prices to Retailers series covering the cartoned eggs delivered into retailer's warehouses or directly to outlets will be adjusted to reflect changes in pricing terms. Previously unidentified changes in some pricing terms were found during a review of current data collection and prices reporting procedures. Market News will continue to monitor this egg price series and change prices as dictated by pricing procedures used by the egg industry. The prices reported do not reflect marketing allowances. As adjustments are made in individual reports comprising the Prices to Retailers series, the applicable report will include prices both with and without the adjustments on the day the adjustments are made. All affected reports will be adjusted by January 7.

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 28, 2001 will decrease by 23 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 21, 2001 were 390,936 cases which was 16 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	350,205	40,731	390,936
% change from the prior week.....	+17	+7	+16

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate for the light demand following the extended holiday weekend. Buyers evaluating needs before purchasing additional nest run product. Schedules reduced. Trade sentiment mostly 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	26-30	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-16	
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 fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales had slowed. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady at best. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-DEC-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.25 CENTS/LB.	8-9.25	9.02
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trading was light due in part to holiday schedules. Demand was fair to moderate for adequate but reduced offerings. Processing plants were on holiday schedules. Canner supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-DEC-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-10.5 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 24, 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	5.4	15.9	6.8	10.3	15.4	53.8
	Change	-4.2	-2.3	-3.2	-3.1	-0.6	-20%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	14.9	37.5	12.7	17.5	23.6	106.2
	Change	-8.1	1.6	-3.7	-6.3	-9.0	-19%
Large	Curr Wk	27.8	78.9	71.2	64.6	80.6	323.1
	Change	-5.6	-37.0	-16.7	-39.6	-27.1	-28%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.3	27.4	16.7	19.6	22.3	98.3
	Change	-2.4	-4.9	-2.4	-3.6	-1.1	-13%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	8.7	4.8	5.0	4.2	27.0
	Change	0.2	-1.2	-0.1	0.3	0.8	0%
Misc	Curr Wk	24.2	22.0	5.8	14.3	6.4	72.7
	Change	19.7	0.2	-3.1	1.0	0.4	33%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	6.3	38.6	27.0	16.1	20.3	108.3
	Change	-16.7	-1.1	-6.3	-4.3	-12.1	-27%
Total	Curr Wk	95.2	229.0	145.0	147.4	172.8	789.4
Percent	Change	-15%	-16%	-20%	-27%	-22%	-20%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	789.4	-20%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	275.0	9%	38
Total Shell Egg	1064.4	-14%	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 DECEMBER 17, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	183.8	179.8	169.8	113.6
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING DECEMBER 17, 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 21, 2001

CURRENT LOADS		5.00		FUTURE LOADS				12.00		TOTAL LOADS				17.00	
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	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	55.00	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	24.25	26.25	1.00								
GL W XL	—	—	—	51.00	46.50	—	4.25								
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	46.00	—	3.50								
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.25								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/15/01-12/21/01

CURRENT LOADS		84.50		FUTURE LOADS				54.00		TOTAL LOADS				138.50	
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	35.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W XL	—	40.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 1	40.60	42.50	41.64	43.68	38.84	39.88	41.75	GNR W 1	39.94	42.00	—	—	—	46.50	13.00
GNR W 2	39.00	42.50	—	37.00	34.84	32.75	8.75	GNR W 2	—	40.00	—	—	—	44.25	4.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	24.25	26.25	1.00	GNR W 4	—	30.50	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	23.50	26.50	6.00	GNR BR 1	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	.75
GNR BR 1	54.00	—	—	—	—	—	.75	GL W J	48.50	—	—	—	—	54.00	1.00
GL W XL	—	49.24	48.88	51.63	47.57	—	33.25	GL W XL	49.00	—	—	—	—	55.40	6.00
GL W LG	—	48.75	47.50	52.00	46.60	—	22.50	GL W LG	48.29	50.67	—	—	—	54.07	7.75
GL W MD	—	36.00	36.65	—	—	38.40	11.75	GL W MD	33.00	34.50	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W SM	26.00	28.00	25.00	27.50	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 39	—	21.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	24.50	—	29.00	25.96	29.49	28.75								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	25.50	1.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	23.67	1.50								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	17.00	18.80	18.25								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	13.50	.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 12/09/01 - 12/15/01

State	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	# Cases Shipped To	Total State
Northern, CA				
Colorado	0	0	3,892	3,892
Illinois	0	0	770	770
Iowa	3,730	0	33,656	37,386
Maine	0	0	800	800
Minnesota	0	0	4,734	4,734
Missouri	0	0	5,279	5,279
Ohio	0	910	1,710	2,620
Oregon	2,136	1,440	810	4,386
Utah	1,482	1,440	5,732	8,654
Washington	0	514	1,700	2,214
Wisconsin	1,684	0	2,330	4,014
TOTAL	9,032	4,304	61,413	74,749
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	9,032	4,304	61,413	74,749

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	120-123
EXTRA LARGE	81-84
LARGE	73-76
MEDIUM	50-53
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.

	RANGE
JUMBO	62-65
EXTRA LARGE	53-59
LARGE	51-56
MEDIUM	38-43
SMALL	25-29

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
LARGE	34-37
MEDIUM	22-26
SMALL	7-10

NOTICE:

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO HOLIDAY.

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 12/09/01-12/15/01
 30-dozen cases 4,443
 Receipts from the mainland: 12/02/01-12/08/01
 30-dozen cases 7,512

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	<u>12/17/01</u>	<u>12/10/01</u>	<u>12/18/00</u>
PACIFIC COAST	240	222	199
LOS ANGELES	201	171	142

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