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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Philadelphia and parts of the South, mediums were slightly higher. Elsewhere, prices remained unchanged. The market tone was steady for the larger sizes, but fully steady to instances firm on mediums. Demand was in a full range of light to good. Supplies were usually adequate to occasionally close. Breaking stock supplies in the Central region were adequate to fully adequate, however Eastern region offerings were in the longest position and ranged ample to burdensome. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for a fair demand. Processing schedules for next week were reduced.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to one cent higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes. Prices were unchanged in Boston and New England. The market tone was mostly steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to instances good. Supplies were generally adequate for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were ample to burdensome for the light demand. Light type hens were mostly adequate for the fair demand. Processing schedules for next week were reduced.

**NEW YORK** Prices for medium eggs increased 1 cent. Prices on the larger sizes ended the week unchanged. The market tone entering the holiday weekend ranged steady to fully steady, mostly steady. Demand was moderate to good, best where features are planned for upcoming week. Supplies were adequate to available for present needs on larger sizes, whereas mediums were close.

**MIDWEST** Prices ended the week unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was in a full range of light to good, usually moderate with forecasts for more winter like weather in the Midwest helping to stir up some extra interest. Food service movement was light to generally moderate. Supplies were mostly adequate to in balance. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower. Fair demand for the adequate to fully adequate offers. Some breakers working weekend schedules to reduce existing inventories and meet liquid delivery schedules. Finished product demand moderate with end users returning to normal schedules next week. Trade sentiment about steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment about steady. Retail demand moderate with distributive movement only fair. Supplies generally adequate to available on the larger sizes, mediums adequate to barely adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged on larger sizes, but slightly higher on mediums. Asking prices for next week's deliveries in Florida were trending higher on mediums, other locations were trending unchanged. Trade sentiment improved but was steady on larger sizes, and fully steady to firm on mediums. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were irregular with larger eggs clearing, mediums were occasionally short to closely balanced. Breaking stock demand was only fair with supplies ample to burdensome but usually a steady tone. Spent hens were fully sufficient for a fair demand, and less than normal processing schedules.

### \*\*\*\*\*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.

### 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)	100-102	92-94	69-71
New York	69-71	66-69	53-56
Philadelphia	67-69	65-67	50-53

### 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	47-57

### 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	54-57
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	81-91	78-85	67-73
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	94	88	77

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(4) - Prices to Retailers

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand good. Offerings in good balance both locally and from outside the region.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in good balance. Small invoice price 57. No new ads noted in Southern California.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	96
EXTRA LARGE	94
LARGE	88
MEDIUM	73

### 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	83-93
EXTRA LARGE	81-91
LARGE	78-85
MEDIUM	67-73

### 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** Nest run prices unchanged to 1 cent lower. Fair demand for the adequate to fully adequate offers. Some breakers working weekend schedules to reduce existing inventories and to meet liquid delivery schedules. Finished product demand moderate with end users returning to normal schedules next week. Trade sentiment about 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	26-30	27-28
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		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were unchanged on checks, but unchanged to lower on nest run breaking stock when compared to early week trading. Traders were cautious and watching further market developments. Offerings were ample to burdensome for heavy to reduced breaking schedules. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was light. Cases broken in the Eastern region under federal inspection for the week ending 22-Dec-2001 were 4% less than the previous week, but 16% more than a year earlier.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	24-30	25-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-18	12-16
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 22-Dec-01**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,164,776	26,792	11,437	5,756	3,439	4,388
PW	1,219,871	27,010	12,716	6,786	3,073	4,395
LY	1,003,656	23,885	9,131	5,146	2,167	3,713
% PW	-5	-1	-10	-15	12	0
% LY	16	12	25	12	59	18
2001	59,295,248	1,347,347	594,288	317,240	132,412	211,982
2000	59,224,420	1,352,109	587,348	316,421	139,497	198,751
*% CHG YTD	0	0	1	0	-5	7
<b>AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE-</b>		<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>	<b>LAST YEAR</b>		
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)		41.53	41.73	41.72		
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)		37.76	38.13	38.02		

**NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 57.5 to 61 cents fob. No pasteurized whites noted. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg and yolk with whites steady. Offers on whole egg fully adequate to ample and whites available with activity on yolk limited. During the holiday week demand was generally light. Breaking stock supplies fully adequate with mostly prices unchanged to 1 cent lower than last week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 28 December, 2001 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	34	21-28.5	25.15	-1.91
WHITES	16	6-10	9.19	-.34
YOLKS		TFEWR		

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Trading was limited with mostly prices unchanged on whites, whole eggs unchanged to lower, and lower on yolks when compared to previous week's trading. Demand was seasonally light and limited for the available offerings. The undertone was slightly steadier but cautious. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending December 22, 2001 were 7% lower than the previous week, but 14% higher than the same week last year.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	39-45	41-43	49-52
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		66-80
WHITES	22-32	22-25	29-48
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-79	76-78	81-92
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	69-74	72-74	77-90
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Whole egg and sugar yolk price ranged 1 cent lower, whites mostly unchanged to down 1 cent, salt yolk range decreased 2 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady for all frozen products. Offerings continue adequate to instances fully adequate. Trading and demand light during the holiday period. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate with prices unchanged from last week.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	40-42	41-42
WHITES	22-32	22-24
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-79	76-77
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-74	71-73

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged on whole and whites, 1 cent lower on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 12/22 was 2% less than the previous week.

Breaking stock light. Frozen demand continued to slow with freezer stocks in good balance.

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

	RANGE
WHOLE	47-50
WHITES	29-32
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	80-83
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-79

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Mostly prices were irregular on whole, but unchanged on other items when compared to a week earlier. Trading and demand was limited and seasonally light. Supplies were adequate for trade requirements. The undertone was mostly cautious at prevailing price levels. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending December 22, 2001 were 12% higher than the previous week, and 59% higher than the same week last year. The overall total dried egg year to date change was 5% lower than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	1.48-1.70	MOSTLY	1.49-1.59
YOLKS	1.65-2.05	MOSTLY	1.85-1.90
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.80-2.50	MOSTLY	1.89-2.00
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.15-1.30	MOSTLY	1.20-1.25

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 21, 2001-DEC 27, 2001

CURRENT LOADS			69.25			FUTURE LOADS			48.50			TOTAL LOADS			117.75		
SE			NE			MW			SC			NW			SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W XL	35.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W XL	—	40.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GNR W 1	39.00	42.50	40.25	42.67	34.33	39.50	29.00	GNR W 1	42.00	41.67	—	—	—	44.00	8.00		
GNR W 2	—	36.00	—	34.50	31.33	—	3.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	59.00	1.00		
GNR W 3	—	26.00	—	—	25.05	29.06	5.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	54.00	2.00		
GNR W 4	—	—	23.25	24.25	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	53.00	55.62	4.25		
GNR BR 1	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	48.50	—	—	51.00	53.56	9.25		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	43.00	—	2.00	GL W MD	36.02	40.00	—	—	—	42.86	9.25		
GL W XL	—	50.38	49.00	52.20	46.50	—	29.00	GL W SM	—	28.00	—	—	—	31.00	.75		
GL W LG	—	49.94	—	51.67	44.37	—	19.25										
GL W MD	—	37.50	36.48	36.00	35.56	37.50	12.25										
GL W SM	25.50	27.00	—	—	22.00	—	1.25										
GL BR LG	60.00	—	—	66.00	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	30.00	1.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	26.00	27.00	26.92	29.32	21.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	21.00	23.00	1.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	18.50	6.00										

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 REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were mostly adequate for the reduced processing schedules. Demand was fair but generally unaggressive. Cannery movement was mostly moderate and clearing. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate supplies of light hens. Finished sales were mostly light. Schedules were reduced but as desired. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Fully adequate offers continue for the moderate demand. Slaughter schedules reduced next week for the New Year's holiday. Trade sentiment steady.

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

**LIVE HENS**

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 28-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	69.51	67.14	53.18
SOUTHERN	61.05	60.98	47.76
MIDWEST	58.39	57.13	44.79
WESTERN	87.27	82.31	70.68
TWELVE METRO AREAS	72.70	69.80	57.18

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were generally unchanged on the light canners, irregular on the heavies when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient on lights, about adequate on the heavies. Undertone was generally steady on lights; at least steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24.5-27 MAJORITY 26-27	30.75-38 MAJORITY 33-34.75

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-28.5 MAJORITY 26.5-27	32.75-41 MAJORITY 35-36

\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 22-Dec-01**

**UNAVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION**

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**

**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Dec 15, 2001		Year-To-Date		
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	245	230	12,880	7,437
Frozen	0	0	78	239
Dried	0	0	426	653
Total	245	230	13,384	8,329

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

Week Ending Dec 15, 2001		Year-To-Date		
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	180	22	5,844	4,855
Frozen	94	63	1,757	943
Dried	10	19	628	935
Total	284	104	8,229	6,733

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

Week Ending Dec 15, 2001		Year-To-Date		
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	173	87	2,444
Extra Large	3,045	3,010	71,523	53,656
Large	5,070	11,465	140,003	156,577
Medium	197	1,808	44,094	40,701
Ungraded	13,770	4,500	446,890	393,044
Misc	720	510	71,084	13,247
Total	22,802	21,466	773,681	659,669

/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
7-10	34-37	22-26	

**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	62-65	53-59	51-56	38-43
25-29				

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

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 24-Dec-01	3,096	73,390	79,399
AM 1-Dec-01	3,030	69,047	73,444
CHG	66	4343	5955
PCT CHG	2	6	8

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	W/E 22-Dec-01 PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	32.5	25.9	26	-7
BOSTON	3.0	3.9	-23	-19
CHICAGO	66.4	59.0	13	-3
DETROIT	35.4	50.8	-30	3
KANSAS CITY	5.8	11.0	-47	32
LOS ANGELES	137.2	116.3	18	12
NEW ORLEANS	11.3	11.2	1	10
NEW YORK	40.9	40.2	2	6
ST. LOUIS	22.7	19.5	16	21
SAN FRANCISCO	30.0	23.7	27	5
TOTAL	385.2	361.5	7	6
4 WK MVG AVG	357.4			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS) W/E 22-Dec-01

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	244.5	3	4
E.N. CENTRAL	564.2	1	5
W.N. CENTRAL	302.9	0	17
S. ATLANTIC	203.3	2	-5
S. CENTRAL	84.8	-2	7
WEST	226.7	9	14
TOTAL	1626.4	2	7
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		88	88

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**, DECEMBER 26, 2001  
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	SMALL	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
MAINE	83	114	106	
MOSTLY	56	-	-	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	106-110	98-102	76-80	49-53
MOSTLY	108-109	100-101	78-79	51-52
RHODE ISLAND	113-117	105-109	82-86	55-59
MOSTLY	113	105	82	55
VERMONT	115-117	106-109	85-86	-
MOSTLY	117	109	86	-

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