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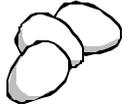
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in Chicago and New York were unchanged. In most other locations, weekly prices were sharply higher on the larger sizes and slightly higher on mediums. The market tone was in a full range of steady to firm. Demand was mostly moderate to instances good. Supplies of mediums were closely balanced to adequate while the larger sizes were tight to close. Breaking stock offerings were short to sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for normal processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 5.5 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 1 cent higher on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 6 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 1 cent higher on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand ranged mostly moderate to at times good, best where limited features were a factor. Supplies were closely balanced to available. Breaking stock offerings from regular sources were short to adequate for the usually good demand. Light type hens were sufficient to ample for the light to fair demand.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 8 cents higher for the larger sizes and up 2 cents for medium. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady to at times firm. Retail demand ranged light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was moderate to very good in resort and vacation areas. Supplies were close to tight for the larger sizes and usually adequate for the balance. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were in close balance to adequate with most breakers working from regular commitments. Demand outside of regular commitments was mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady to instances fully steady.

CHICAGO All prices unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand fair to instances good. Best interest noted in areas where features are a factor or into vacation and special event areas. Supplies of larger sizes in close balance, smaller sizes adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm entering the week. Demand was usually moderate to occasionally good. Supplies ranged sufficient to tight 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 July 26, 2002 was 57.48 cents, which was 1.19 cents more than a week earlier, but 4.91 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings were short to sufficient for the good demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for normal processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices 9 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 7-8 cents higher on large, and 2 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 2% higher than last Monday with California down 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 8%. Retailer demand moderate, best where features planned. Offerings light.

NEW YORK Prices, on all sizes, began the week unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where sporadic promotional activities were in progress. Supplies of heavier weight eggs ranged about adequate to tight, however mediums were fully adequate to available for current requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	106-108	97-99	63-65
New York	71-75	69-73	44-48
Philadelphia	66.5-73	65.5-71	42-46
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	57.5-69	54.5-63	33.5-37
Jackson (1)	61-63	55-57	37-39
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	71-84	66-78	41-52
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	61-65	59-63	34-38
Detroit (2)	57-62	56-60	34-38
Major Ohio Cities (2)	59-63	58-61	32-36
Major Wisconsin Cities	60-67	59-65	34-39
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	78-81	75-77	50-52
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	104	93	67
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 9 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 8 cents higher on large, and 2 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 2% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 47. Ads in Northern California: major - large dozen 129, 18 pack 149, buy 1 get 1 free. California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO*	118
EXTRA LARGE	104
LARGE	93
MEDIUM	67

***Correction for July 15 on Jumbo should have read 106.**
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	239-299	JUMBO	249-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	195-229
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	169-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 02, 2002 will increase by 9 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 26, 2002 were 254,892 cases which was 7 percent below the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	211,779	43,113	254,892
% change from the prior week.....	-9	+3	-7

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 were unchanged.

Offerings were in close balance to adequate with most breakers working from regular commitments. Demand outside of regular commitments was mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady to instances fully 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	37-39	39
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-26	
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the mostly fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-JUL-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.5-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.75	8.60
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair with supplies at least adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-JUL-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.86
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JULY 29, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.3	10.6	4.0	9.1	11.8 43.8
	Change	0.8	1.0	-1.4	-0.8	3.8 8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.0	38.0	12.4	16.9	26.2 115.5
	Change	-0.3	8.5	0.2	1.2	1.4 11%
Large	Curr Wk	46.5	101.5	63.6	77.3	78.7 367.6
	Change	-2.8	-2.3	6.7	16.7	-3.3 4%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.6	36.7	20.0	26.1	30.2 127.6
	Change	-8.5	-6.2	0.9	-1.8	-4.2 -13%
Small	Curr Wk	3.6	8.7	1.8	8.1	6.9 29.1
	Change	-0.9	-0.8	-0.6	-0.2	1.2 -4%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.2	20.9	9.1	16.7	8.9 58.8
	Change	-1.1	-1.8	-1.0	2.6	1.4 0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.7	56.1	18.0	35.9	28.9 157.6
	Change	6.0	-3.7	1.3	-2.5	3.4 3%
Total	Curr Wk	116.9	272.5	128.9	190.1	191.6 900.0
Percent	Change	-5%	-2%	5%	9%	2% 1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	900.0	1%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	293.2	-5%	38
Total Shell Egg	1193.2	0%	211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 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 JULY 15, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	181.4	178.4	169.4	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 15, 2002 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 JULY 26, 2002

CURRENT LOADS		13.25		FUTURE LOADS				13.75		TOTAL LOADS				27.00	
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	50.00	—	50.00	52.00	49.00	—	4.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	61.00	3.00
GL W XL	—	—	55.75	57.50	51.67	—	8.00	GL W LG	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	5.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	51.00	—	7.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25	NRBS - 39	—	—	25.50	27.00	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.50								
NRBS - 42	29.50	—	—	—	—	31.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	26.50	—	22.00	23.00	—	30.00	1.25								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/22/02-07/26/02

CURRENT LOADS		78.50		FUTURE LOADS				115.75		TOTAL LOADS				194.25	
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	45.67	48.00	50.00	48.92	47.58	45.60	53.00	GNR W 1	—	56.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	38.25	47.46	42.38	44.88	20.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	35.40	37.40	5.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	74.75	78.50	2.50
GNR BR 1	—	49.00	—	—	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	—	60.14	—	—	—	60.88	17.75
GL W XL	—	56.84	53.07	56.15	52.48	—	48.25	GL W LG	52.00	56.00	—	—	—	53.93	20.50
GL W LG	—	56.36	49.33	52.62	47.65	51.00	45.75	GL W MD	23.67	27.00	—	—	—	29.17	5.00
GL W MD	—	28.00	23.00	—	25.33	27.00	5.00	GL W SM	20.75	—	—	—	—	26.00	2.00
GL W SM	—	—	24.00	25.50	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 45	27.67	30.67	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	31.50	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 39	23.50	—	25.50	27.00	—	27.50	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	36.00	—	36.20	45.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	37.50	8.00								
NRBS - 42	29.50	—	—	—	—	31.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	26.50	25.00	20.00	21.80	25.50	26.56	24.50								

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 06/30/02 - 07/06/02

State	Number Cases		Number Cases		Number Cases	Total State
	Shipped To Northern CA	Shipped To Central CA	Shipped To Southern CA	Shipped To Southern CA		
Arizona	0	0	0	308	308	
Colorado	0	660	0	5,982	6,642	
Georgia	0	0	0	1,100	1,100	
Illinois	67	0	0	0	67	
Indiana	0	0	0	782	782	
Iowa	4,796	0	0	33,924	38,720	
Michigan	0	0	0	840	840	
Minnesota	780	780	0	5,914	7,474	
New Hampshire	840	0	0	0	840	
Ohio	0	0	0	1,694	1,694	
Oregon	2,719	2	0	0	2,721	
South Dakota	0	0	0	600	600	
Texas	0	0	0	1,746	1,746	
Utah	0	0	0	6,018	6,018	
Wisconsin	0	0	0	2,260	2,260	
TOTAL	9,202	1,442	61,168	71,812		

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
117-120	87-90	78-81	44-47	25-28

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
63-73	57-60	54-59	31-35	23-27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
40-43	16-20	6-9

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	<u>07/22/02</u>	<u>07/15/02</u>	<u>07/23/01</u>
PACIFIC COAST	401	402	335
LOS ANGELES	334	340	0

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
82.12	76.12	52.88	46.27

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 07/14/02-07/20/02

30-dozen cases 7,685

Receipts from the mainland: 07/07/02-07/13/02

30-dozen cases 8,680

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 07/07/02 - 07/13/02

State	Number Cases		Number Cases		Total State
	Shipped To		Shipped To		
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA		
Colorado	0	720	5,709	6,429	
Iowa	3,300	0	22,029	25,329	
Michigan	0	0	777	777	
Minnesota	390	0	7,461	7,851	
Missouri	0	0	780	780	
Montana	0	0	850	850	
Ohio	0	740	930	1,670	
Oregon	2,182	5	0	2,187	
Pennsylvania	0	0	960	960	
Texas	0	780	15	795	
Utah	1,730	2,340	7,712	11,782	
Wisconsin	0	0	1,620	1,620	
TOTAL	7,602	4,585	48,843	61,030	

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 07/14/02 - 07/20/02

Arizona	0	0	800	800
Colorado	0	704	2,527	3,231
Illinois	0	0	800	800
Iowa	5,640	0	38,279	43,919
Michigan	0	0	840	840
Minnesota	0	0	9,910	9,910
Missouri	0	0	744	744
New Hampshire	0	0	780	780
Ohio	0	0	2,540	2,540
Oregon	2,695	0	15	2,710
Texas	0	0	750	750
Utah	1,623	5,240	13,026	19,889
Wisconsin	0	0	780	780
TOTAL	9,958	5,944	71,791	87,693

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