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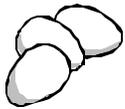
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in Chicago and New York. In most other locations, prices were lower on mediums and unchanged on the balance. The market tone was cautiously steady to barely steady on the larger sizes and barely steady to weak on mediums. Demand slowed and ranged light to at times moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample with mediums in the longest position. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for about sufficient to ample offerings. Light type fowl were sufficient for the light demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower on mediums and unchanged on the balance of sizes. In New England and Boston prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady for mediums and mixed on the larger sizes. Demand was light to at times moderate, slightly better where promotional activity was planned or in place. Supplies were adequate to ample, with mediums in the longest position. Breaking stock demand was light and offerings ranged from usually about adequate on heavy nest run to ample on lighter weights. Light type fowl were sufficient for the light demand.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 2 cents lower for every size except small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on everything except jumbo which were steady. Retail demand was slow and showing no signs of improvement. Food service movement was usually moderate to fairly good with resort and vacation areas still pulling the most product. Supplies remained in close balance for jumbo, but fully adequate to ample for all of the other sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light to moderate with bids for heavy nest runs well below the current quoted range at this call. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate as retail operators divert eggs into breaking channels. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment weak.

CHICAGO Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady for all sizes. Retail and food service demand light to moderate instances fairly good where features planned or in progress. Supplies of all sizes adequate to available.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were 1 cent lower on mediums and unchanged on the balance. The market tone was cautiously steady on heavy weights and barely steady on mediums. Demand was light to occasionally moderate. Supplies of medium were available to ample while offerings of the larger sizes were generally adequate 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 August 9, 2002 was 66.38 cents, which was 2.25 cents more than a week earlier, but 0.87 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings ranged adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type hens were sufficient for normal processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo, unchanged to 2 cents lower on extra large, large, and medium. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last Monday with California up 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 9%. Retailer demand mainly moderate, best where features planned. Offerings light on jumbo, easily adequate on the other sizes.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was about steady on the larger sizes and cautiously steady on mediums. Retail demand was light with limited feature activity planned or in progress for the week. Supplies were adequate for heavier weight eggs, however mediums sizes were ample for current trade needs.

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	42-46
Philadelphia	69-73	68-71	41-45
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	63-70	61-64	34-37
Jackson (1)	71-73	65-67	39-41
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	71-85	66-79	40-52
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	60-64	58-62	32-36
Detroit (2)	56-61	55-59	32-36
Major Ohio Cities (2)	58-62	57-60	31-34
Major Wisconsin Cities	59-66	58-64	32-37
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	78-81	75-77	49-51
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	103	92	65
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents lower on extra large, large, medium and small. The California inventory was 1% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings light on jumbo, easily adequate on the balance. Small benchmark price 45. Ads in Northern California: major - free range large dozen 179; smaller outlets- large 18 pack 88. 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		RANGE
JUMBO	120		
EXTRA LARGE	103		
LARGE	92		
MEDIUM	65		
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	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	173-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 16, 2002 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 09, 2002 were 269,977 cases which was 2 percent above the prior week and 16 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	230,881	39,096	269,977
% change from the prior week.....	+3	-6	+2

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. Demand was mostly light to moderate with bids for heavy nest runs well below the current quoted range at this call. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate as retail operators divert eggs into breaking channels. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment weak. 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	33-38	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-24	
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 light to moderate. Offerings were mostly fully adequate. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-AUG-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.57
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 Negotiated prices for current week kills were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were only fair with schedules full at most plants. Trade sentiment was steady at best. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-AUG-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	9.07
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM AUG 12, 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	5.2	10.7	4.5	9.0	40.0
	Change	-1.0	1.4	0.1	0.7	4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.4	42.4	13.0	19.9	128.3
	Change	-1.3	11.7	-1.3	0.4	9%
Large	Curr Wk	48.7	120.7	68.1	83.5	417.6
	Change	0.3	13.6	-5.6	10.1	7%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.1	37.6	18.4	29.6	133.1
	Change	4.6	-9.5	3.8	-3.3	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	10.4	4.9	7.4	36.6
	Change	0.6	0.0	2.4	1.2	16%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.7	24.4	7.6	13.7	53.8
	Change	0.0	3.2	-2.3	1.2	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.6	59.8	21.6	38.7	167.1
	Change	-4.6	-0.3	1.6	3.2	0%
Total	Curr Wk	121.7	306.0	138.1	201.8	976.5
Percent	Change	-1%	7%	-1%	7%	4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	976.5	4%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	274.6	4%	38
Total Shell Egg	1251.1	4%	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 29, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	182.4	179.4	170.4	114.6
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 29, 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 AUGUST 09, 2002

CURRENT LOADS							19.00			FUTURE LOADS			9.25			TOTAL LOADS			28.25		
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	—	—	42.75	44.33	41.50	—	7.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	1.00						
GL W XL	—	—	55.00	57.00	48.25	—	5.50	GL W MD	23.00	25.00	—	—	—	—	2.25						
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50														
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.25														
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	33.50	6.00														
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	18.00	—	24.00	6.00														

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/05-09/2002

CURRENT LOADS							121.00			FUTURE LOADS			59.00			TOTAL LOADS			180.00		
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	46.00	50.17	45.25	47.90	43.50	46.00	27.00	GL W XL	—	56.00	—	—	—	56.79	24.50						
GNR W 2	—	44.00	46.00	47.00	40.00	—	2.00	GL W LG	48.50	54.67	—	58.00	48.50	51.95	25.00						
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	30.00	32.60	5.00	GL W MD	23.35	25.61	—	—	27.90	28.33	9.25						
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	25.00	27.50	2.00	NRBS - 45	27.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00						
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	41.00	37.50	49.00	2.00	NRBS - 42	24.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00						
GL W XL	—	61.00	55.56	58.13	46.90	—	52.50	NRBS - 39	23.00	25.00	—	—	—	—	3.00						
GL W LG	—	57.00	52.58	52.50	46.44	—	31.75	NRBS - 36	18.00	20.00	—	—	16.25	18.00	2.00						
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	24.88	28.63	9.25														
GL W SM	21.00	24.00	22.00	23.50	20.00	—	5.00														
GL BR LG	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	2.00														
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	34.00	37.26	39.00														
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	35.00	34.00	6.00														
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	28.00	4.00														
NRBS - 39	22.25	23.25	16.43	18.36	—	25.91	30.50														
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	24.00	4.00														

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 Report Period: 7/28/02 - 8/3/02

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	40	40
Colorado	0	1,620	4,433	6,053
Idaho	0	0	1,610	1,610
Iowa	6,053	6,966	20,577	33,596
Minnesota	780	680	5,432	6,892
Missouri	0	0	1,717	1,717
Montana	0	0	550	550
New Hampshire	0	0	810	810
Ohio	0	0	720	720
Oregon	4,455	5	0	4,460
Utah	770	3,590	8,988	13,348
Wisconsin	300	0	1,638	1,938
TOTAL	12,358	12,861	46,515	71,734

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
62-72	56-59	53-58	29-33	23-27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
39-42	14-18	6-9

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	08/05/02	07/29/02	08/06/01
PACIFIC COAST	402	452	230
LOS ANGELES	341	410	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 7/28/02-8/3/02
30-dozen cases 7,955
Receipts from the mainland: 7/21/02-7/27/02
30-dozen cases 4,820

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
87.27	81.27	54.65	46.27

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