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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in Chicago and New York were unchanged. In most other areas, prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the week. Demand was mostly moderate to instances good with the best movement coming from limited feature activity. Supplies were irregular from plant to plant but usually ranged fully adequate to close for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to occasionally fully sufficient for the fair to good demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for the slow demand.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 5 cents higher on medium, although extra large and large were unchanged to 1 cent higher; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher on all sizes when based on previous week average pricing. In New England prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times close. Breaking stock offerings were in a full range of limited to fully adequate for the fair to good demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the slow demand. Processing schedules for the week were reported as normal to less than normal.

**MIDWEST** Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged with prices in all other locations 2 cents higher for the larger sizes and 5 cents higher mediums with small increasing 1 cent. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm. Cartoned egg demand was mostly moderate, instances good with scattered features aiding movement. Loose egg sales were light to moderate and disappointing in many locations. Supplies were adequate to in close balance for all sizes. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades 2 cents higher. Offerings were tight to barely adequate for the aggressive demand. Breakers in need bid higher values as producers hold with confidence. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to firm. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, instances good where features are a factor. Offerings in a full range, adequate to closely balanced.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the week. Demand was moderate to at times good. Supplies were adequate to in close balance 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 September 13, 2002 was 56.84 cents, which was 0.37 cents less than a week earlier, but 0.02 cents more than last year. Breaking stock offerings were limited to fully sufficient for the fair demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the slow demand. Processing schedules for this week ranged normal to reduced.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on jumbo, unchanged to 1 cent higher on extra large, 1-2 cents higher on large, and 5 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last Monday with California down 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 3%. Retailer demand moderate, best to planned features. Offerings light.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady entering the week. Demand moderate to good. Supplies were irregular for trade 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
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	99-101	90-92	58-60
New York	64-68	62-66	47-51
Philadelphia	61-66	60-64	44-49
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	53.5-60	51.5-55	35.5-41
Jackson (1)	62-64	56-58	35-37
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	64-75	60-70	48-58
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	53-57	51-55	39-43
Detroit (2)	49-54	48-52	39-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	51-55	50-53	37-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	52-59	51-57	39-44
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	72-74	69-71	57-59
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	94	85	73
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent higher on extra large, 2 cents higher on large, and 5 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 5% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 53. Ads in Northern California: major-large 18 pack 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	109
EXTRA LARGE	94
LARGE	85
MEDIUM	73
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	239-319	JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-299	EXTRA LARGE	215-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	169-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 20, 2002 will decrease by 15 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 13, 2002 were 290,008 cases which was 8 percent above the prior week and 15 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	250,378	39,630	290,008
% change from the prior week.....	+6	+19	+8

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

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades 2 cents higher. Offerings were tight to barely adequate for the aggressive demand. Breakers in need bid higher values as producers held with confidence. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trades sentiment fully steady to firm. 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	32-34	33-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-23	
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 unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies cleared satisfactorily and were generally adequate 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 16-SEP-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.26
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** Majority prices were unchanged, however, the weighted average dropped lower when compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate with schedules at least adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-SEP-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.58
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM SEP 16, 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	7.9	11.9	7.9	13.3	10.5 51.5
	Change	0.9	-0.7	1.6	0.5	-1.2 2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.8	41.7	17.9	22.5	23.4 133.3
	Change	4.4	4.6	3.5	-3.5	-4.6 3%
Large	Curr Wk	39.4	108.9	62.3	69.0	93.4 373.0
	Change	5.0	-0.1	-10.8	-9.9	0.0 -4%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.8	44.4	15.3	25.9	33.5 135.9
	Change	3.2	9.8	-8.3	-2.0	8.7 9%
Small	Curr Wk	7.2	8.7	6.4	6.1	5.0 33.4
	Change	1.6	-4.3	0.4	-1.4	-1.1 -13%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.7	18.8	6.1	18.7	6.6 53.9
	Change	-0.1	-3.9	-1.2	4.2	0.7 -1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.0	46.0	30.8	31.0	25.9 160.7
	Change	4.4	-11.3	5.9	6.8	-6.4 0%
Total	Curr Wk	129.8	280.4	146.7	186.5	198.3 941.7
Percent	Change	18%	-2%	-6%	-3%	-2% 0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	941.7	0%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	263.8	-13%	38
Total Shell Egg	1205.5	-4%	212

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 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.

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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.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 02, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	188.2	185.1	176.1	114.6
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 02, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	147	147	137	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2002

CURRENT LOADS							FUTURE LOADS							TOTAL LOADS						
17.75							14.25							32.00						
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG		DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		ORG	DST					
GNR W 1	—	46.67	41.50	38.00	—	—	7.00	GL W XL	51.00	—	—	—	—	56.00	3.00					
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	48.00	—	—	—	—	54.00	4.50					
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	29.50	31.00	1.00	GL W MD	—	—	36.00	—	—	41.00	6.00					
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00													
GL W XL	—	—	48.00	51.33	46.88	—	7.00													
GL W LG	—	—	45.00	47.00	45.50	—	5.50													
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00													
GL W SM	—	—	22.00	23.50	—	—	.50													
NRBS - 36	—	—	16.00	18.00	—	—	1.00													

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/09/02-09/13/02

CURRENT LOADS							FUTURE LOADS							TOTAL LOADS						
107.00							68.75							175.75						
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		MW		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG		DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		ORG	DST					
GNR W 1	35.50	43.60	38.50	36.67	41.50	39.00	18.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00					
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	36.83	39.50	6.00	GL W J	47.33	—	—	—	—	54.83	1.50					
GNR W 3	—	34.00	—	—	29.50	31.00	6.00	GL W XL	50.00	47.40	—	—	—	52.41	33.75					
GNR BR 1	—	—	47.25	49.67	—	—	3.00	GL W LG	41.88	41.96	—	—	—	47.88	29.75					
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	32.69	34.55	36.00	—	—	38.87	19.50					
GL W XL	—	50.00	47.00	48.90	42.53	46.71	61.00	GL W SM	19.50	—	—	—	—	—	1.00					
GL W LG	—	—	45.00	44.19	38.34	43.00	34.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	57.00	.25					
GL W MD	—	—	32.53	31.00	31.85	31.63	19.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	55.00	.50					
GL W SM	—	—	19.67	21.64	20.08	22.00	8.50	GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	.25					
GL BR XL	—	—	43.00	—	—	—	.25	NRBS - 45	21.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00					
GL BR LG	—	—	41.00	—	—	—	.50	NRBS - 36	17.00	19.00	—	—	—	—	1.00					
GL BR MD	—	—	26.00	—	—	—	.25													
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	32.00	35.00	32.57	38.25													
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	25.00	1.00													
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.00	20.00	—	—	.25													
NRBS - 36	11.00	12.00	16.00	18.00	—	—	3.00													

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 09/01/02 - 09/07/02**

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	616	616
Colorado	1,485	0	825	2,310
Idaho	0	510	942	1,452
Iowa	5,480	2,160	24,738	32,378
Michigan	0	0	1,804	1,804
Minnesota	1,590	0	9,285	10,875
Missouri	0	0	780	780
Montana	0	0	926	926
Ohio	0	780	810	1,590
Oregon	2,538	2,705	15	5,258
South Dakota	0	0	600	600
Utah	1,540	720	6,101	8,361
Wisconsin	0	0	1,530	1,530
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,633</b>	<b>6,875</b>	<b>48,972</b>	<b>68,480</b>

**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	80-83	71-74	39-42	19-22

**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
55-65	49-52	46-51	36-40	23-27

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
32-35	21-25	6-9

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 9/1/02-9/7/02  
 30-dozen cases 7,844  
 Receipts from the mainland: 8/25/02-8/31/02  
 30-dozen cases 7,836

**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
76.57	70.88	55.50	45.27

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/09/02	09/02/02	09/10/01
PACIFIC COAST	671	458	259
LOS ANGELES	607	409	0

**U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2002**  
 COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	1,509,201	5	16
FREE FLOWING	5,966,746	-9	60
BLEND	1,483,183	-25	-10
WHITE (ALBUMEN)	14,173,082	3	17
BLEND	251,250	-22	40
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,851,415	2	23
BLEND	29,550	-26	105
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	5,346,647	6	83
TOTAL	30,611,074	-1	31

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:

AUGUST 4, 2002 - AUGUST 31, 2002

TOTAL 11,770,000 POUNDS.

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Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

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