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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were usually higher on all sizes. The market tone was generally steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for current requirements. Breaking stock demand was light to instances good for adequate to tight offerings. Light type fowl were mostly fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher on all sizes; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were mostly fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were up 3 cents for the larger sizes and were unchanged for the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand ranged light to at times fairly good with nation wide feature activity still providing the best interest. Food service movement was usually moderate. Supplies were well balanced to adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand moderate to instances good. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Schedules were generally full-time with a few breakers attempting to slow down a little. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand ranged from light to good, best where features are a factor. Offerings adequate to closely balanced.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta, prices were higher on all sizes. In Florida, prices were higher on the larger sizes, however unchanged on medium and small. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate for current 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 20, 2002 was 58.48 cents, which was 1.64 cents more than a week earlier and 5.50 cents higher than last year. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for the light demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the light demand.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged to 1 cent higher on jumbo, 1-2 cents higher on extra large, 3 cents higher on large, and unchanged to 1 cent higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 6% higher than last Monday with California up 16% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 8%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged entering the week. The market tone was steady. Demand was mostly moderate. Feature activity for this week was very limited. Supplies were generally adequate for present 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
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	101-103	92-94	58-60
New York	66-70	64-68	47-51
Philadelphia	63-68	62-66	46-49
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	56.5-63	54.5-58	38-41
Jackson (1)	62-64	56-58	40-42
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-78	63-73	50-60
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	56-60	54-58	39-43
Detroit (2)	52-57	51-55	39-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	54-58	53-56	37-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-62	54-60	39-44
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	75-77	72-74	59-61
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	96	88	74
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, 3 cents higher on large, and 1 cent higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 16% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 54. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 129, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 139, 18 pack 139. 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	96
LARGE	88
MEDIUM	74

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	195-229
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	169-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 27, 2002 will decrease by 13 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 20, 2002 were 259,849 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 5 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	219,892	39,957	259,849
% change from the prior week.....	-12	+1	-10

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 tight to adequate with demand moderate to instances good. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Schedules were generally full-time with a few breakers attempting to slow schedules. Trade sentiment steady to 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	37-41	37-39
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-27	
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 to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-SEP-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10 CENTS/LB.	7.75-9	8.07
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 slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies of spent fowl. Processing schedules were at levels sufficient to cover a fair call for dressed inventories. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-SEP-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-11.25 CENTS/LB.	7-8.5	8.48
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM SEP 23, 2002**

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

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.4	11.2	7.9	13.5	10.2	51.2
	Change	0.5	-0.7	0.0	0.2	-0.3	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.4	47.7	17.8	24.4	28.7	149.0
	Change	2.6	6.0	-0.1	1.9	5.3	12%
Large	Curr Wk	38.3	115.3	78.0	83.3	91.8	406.7
	Change	-1.1	6.4	15.7	14.3	-1.6	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.8	46.1	17.6	22.4	40.2	144.1
	Change	1.0	1.7	2.3	-3.5	6.7	6%
Small	Curr Wk	7.0	8.1	6.9	7.3	3.5	32.8
	Change	-0.2	-0.6	0.5	1.2	-1.5	-2%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.5	18.6	6.0	17.7	7.1	52.9
	Change	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-1.0	0.5	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.2	44.1	30.8	27.3	28.3	153.7
	Change	-3.8	-1.9	0.5	-3.7	2.4	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	128.6	291.1	165.0	195.9	209.8	990.4
	Change	-1%	4%	12%	5%	6%	5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	990.4	5%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	258.3	-2%	38
Total Shell Egg	1248.7	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 09, 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 09, 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 20, 2002

CURRENT LOADS		22.75		FUTURE LOADS		8.50		TOTAL LOADS		31.25					
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	39.00	—	—	41.00	—	—	5.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	56.25	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	57.00	—	—	—	53.00	3.00
GL W XL	—	—	49.50	51.50	46.33	—	6.50	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	39.00	41.25	1.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	43.75	44.00	5.00	GL W SM	20.00	21.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	—	—	29.50	31.00	34.50	36.00	2.00	GL BR XL	52.00	—	—	—	—	62.00	.25
GL W SM	21.25	24.00	20.50	22.00	—	—	4.00	GL BR LG	54.00	—	—	—	—	64.00	.75
NRBS - 48	35.00	—	—	—	—	—	38.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	29.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	22.00	—	—	—	25.00								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/14/02-09/20/02

CURRENT LOADS		107.00		FUTURE LOADS		75.25		TOTAL LOADS		182.25					
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		MW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	37.00	40.50	37.50	40.50	42.50	44.50	22.00	GNR W 1	44.00	46.00	—	—	46.50	48.00	5.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	40.38	44.50	15.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	60.00	.25
GNR W 3	—	37.00	29.00	31.00	33.00	—	5.00	GL W XL	—	53.75	—	—	—	57.25	17.50
GNR BR 1	—	54.00	42.50	44.00	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	47.00	50.93	—	—	—	53.92	23.75
GL W J	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	.25	GL W MD	—	37.33	—	—	39.00	41.57	10.50
GL W XL	—	—	48.90	51.47	46.45	—	50.25	GL W SM	19.75	21.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W LG	—	51.00	—	52.50	43.41	46.50	29.75	GL BR XL	52.00	—	—	—	—	59.33	.75
GL W MD	—	33.00	31.36	32.00	32.98	36.13	25.00	GL BR LG	52.86	53.00	—	—	—	60.80	2.25
GL W SM	21.83	24.08	20.80	22.75	21.00	22.00	11.00	NRBS - 50	29.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	NRBS - 48	33.00	36.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL BR XL	—	—	44.00	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 45	22.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR LG	—	—	42.00	—	—	—	1.50	NRBS - 36	20.00	21.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	33.00	1.00								
NRBS - 48	35.00	—	—	37.00	39.25	37.29	38.25								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	1.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	29.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	17.50	—	21.00	22.50	—	21.00	4.50								
NRBS - 36	—	—	22.00	—	—	25.00	.75								

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 09/08/02 - 09/14/02**

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Colorado	1,420	1,620	3,707	6,747
Idaho	0	0	416	416
Iowa	5,260	1,230	34,807	41,297
Maine	0	0	850	850
Minnesota	2,340	1,620	9,771	13,731
Missouri	0	0	780	780
New Hampshire	0	0	940	940
Ohio	0	1,550	1,750	3,300
Oregon	2,880	1,956	0	4,836
Utah	4,120	1,365	11,170	16,655
Washington	0	576	810	1,386
Wisconsin	0	0	1,559	1,559
TOTAL	16,020	9,917	66,560	92,497

**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	82-85	73-76	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
58-68	52-55	49-54	36-40	23-27

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
35-38	21-25	6-9

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

ON HAND	09/16/02	09/09/02	09/17/01
PACIFIC COAST	596	671	266
LOS ANGELES	547	607	0

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 9/8/02-9/14/02  
30-dozen cases 6,257  
Receipts from the mainland: 8/1/02-9/7/02  
30-dozen cases 7,844

**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
78.88	73.88	58.27	45.27

**CHICKEN AND EGGS****August Egg Production up 2 Percent**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.35 billion during August 2002, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.26 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 61.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2002 averaged 336 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,189 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,170 eggs in August 2001. August 2002 contained 22 weekdays, and five Saturdays, compared to August 2001 which contained 23 weekdays, and four Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2002, totaled 336 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 336 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.51 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2002, averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.89 billion eggs during August 2002, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during August, at 315 million, was up 1 percent from a year ago.

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